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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health occupations; removing an unnecessary criminal background fee

1.3 for certain health boards; modifying occupational therapy provisions; modifying

1.4 provisions for social work practice; modifying licensing requirements for dentists;

1.5 permitting payment of certain retirement annuities during employment for peacetime

1.6 emergency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 147.038, subdivision 1;

1.7 147.039; 147.091, subdivision 8; 148.6402, subdivisions 5, 21; 148.6403,

1.8 subdivisions 1, 5, 6; 148.6404; 148.6405; 148.6412, subdivision 2; 148.6415;

1.9 148.6418, subdivisions 4, 5; 148.6420, subdivisions 4, 5; 148.6423; 148.6425,

1.10 subdivision 2; 148.6428; 148.6430; 148.6432, subdivision 3; 148.6435; 148.6443,

1.11 as amended; 148.6445, subdivision 11; 148.6448, subdivision 2; 148.6449,

1.12 subdivision 2; 148E.010, subdivisions 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, by adding subdivisions;

1.13 148E.015; 148E.025, subdivision 2; 148E.055, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10,

1.14 11, by adding subdivisions; 148E.060, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a; 148E.070, subdivisions

1.15 2, 3, 5; 148E.080; 148E.085; 148E.095, subdivision 1; 148E.130, subdivision 1,

1.16 by adding subdivisions; 148E.145; 150A.06, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes

1.17 2019 Supplement, sections 147.01, subdivision 7; 147A.28; 147B.08, subdivision

1.18 4; 147C.40, subdivision 5; 147D.27, subdivision 5; 147F.17, subdivision 1;

1.19 148.6420, subdivision 1; 148.6448, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law

1.20 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148E; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections

1.21 148.6402, subdivisions 10, 15; 148.6412, subdivision 1; 148E.045; 148E.055,

1.22 subdivisions 7, 8; 148E.060, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13; 148E.075,

1.23 subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 8; 148E.095, subdivision 2; 148E.130, subdivisions

1.24 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; 148E.135; 148E.140; 148E.150; 148E.155; 148E.160; 148E.165;

1.25 148E.170; Minnesota Rules, part 4664.0003, subpart 28.

2.1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

2.2 **ARTICLE 1**

2.3 **BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

2.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 147.01, subdivision 7, is amended

2.5 to read:

2.6 Subd. 7. **Physician application and license fees.** (a) The board may charge the following

2.7 nonrefundable application and license fees processed pursuant to sections [147.02](#), [147.03](#),

2.8 [147.037](#), [147.0375](#), and [147.38](#):

- 2.9 (1) physician application fee, \$200;
- 2.10 (2) physician annual registration renewal fee, \$192;
- 2.11 (3) physician endorsement to other states, \$40;
- 2.12 (4) physician emeritus license, \$50;
- 2.13 (5) physician temporary license, \$60;
- 2.14 (6) physician late fee, \$60;
- 2.15 (7) duplicate license fee, \$20;
- 2.16 (8) certification letter fee, \$25;
- 2.17 (9) education or training program approval fee, \$100;
- 2.18 (10) report creation and generation fee, \$60 per hour;
- 2.19 (11) examination administration fee (half day), \$50;
- 2.20 (12) examination administration fee (full day), \$80;

2.21 (13) fees developed by the Interstate Commission for determining physician qualification
2.22 to register and participate in the interstate medical licensure compact, as established in rules
2.23 authorized in and pursuant to section 147.38, not to exceed \$1,000; and
2.24

2.25 (14) verification fee, \$25; and.

2.26 ~~(15) criminal background check fee, \$32.~~

2.27 (b) The board may prorate the initial annual license fee. All licensees are required to
2.28 pay the full fee upon license renewal. The revenue generated from the fee must be deposited
in an account in the state government special revenue fund.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147.038, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.2 Subdivision 1. **Board approval; reporting.** A person holding ~~an active a~~ license to
3.3 practice medicine in the state may, upon approval of the board, be granted license cancellation
3.4 if the board is not investigating the person as a result of a complaint or information received
3.5 or if the board has not begun disciplinary proceedings against the person. Such action by
3.6 the board ~~shall~~ must be reported as a cancellation of a license in good standing.

3.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147.039, is amended to read:

3.8 **147.039 CANCELLATION OF LICENSE FOR NONRENEWAL.**

3.9 The Board of Medical Practice shall not renew, reissue, reinstate, or restore a license
3.10 that has lapsed ~~on or after January 1, 1989, and is not subject to a pending review,~~
3.11 investigation, or disciplinary action, and has not been renewed within two annual license
3.12 renewal cycles ~~starting July 1, 1991~~. A licensee whose license is canceled for nonrenewal
3.13 must obtain a new license by applying for licensure and fulfilling all requirements then in
3.14 existence for an initial license to practice medicine in Minnesota.

3.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147.091, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

3.16 Subd. 8. **Limitation.** ~~No A board proceeding against review or investigation of a regulated~~
3.17 person ~~shall~~ must not be ~~instituted~~ initiated unless ~~commenced~~ the board has received a
3.18 complaint or report within seven years from the date of the commission of some portion of
3.19 the ~~offense or misconduct~~ conduct complained of or reported on except for alleged violations
3.20 of subdivision 1, paragraph (t).

3.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 147A.28, is amended to read:

3.22 **147A.28 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICATION AND LICENSE FEES.**

3.23 (a) The board may charge the following nonrefundable fees:

3.24 (1) physician assistant application fee, \$120;

3.25 (2) physician assistant annual registration renewal fee (prescribing authority), \$135;

3.26 (3) physician assistant annual registration renewal fee (no prescribing authority), \$115;

3.27 (4) physician assistant temporary registration, \$115;

3.28 (5) physician assistant temporary permit, \$60;

4.1 (6) physician assistant locum tenens permit, \$25;

4.2 (7) physician assistant late fee, \$50;

4.3 (8) duplicate license fee, \$20;

4.4 (9) certification letter fee, \$25;

4.5 (10) education or training program approval fee, \$100;

4.6 (11) report creation and generation fee, \$60 per hour; and

4.7 (12) verification fee, \$25; and.

4.8 ~~(13) criminal background check fee, \$32.~~

4.9 (b) The board may prorate the initial annual license fee. All licensees are required to
4.10 pay the full fee upon license renewal. The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited
in an account in the state government special revenue fund.

4.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 147B.08, subdivision 4, is amended
4.12 to read:

4.13 Subd. 4. **Acupuncturist application and license fees.** (a) The board may charge the
4.14 following nonrefundable fees:

4.15 (1) acupuncturist application fee, \$150;

4.16 (2) acupuncturist annual registration renewal fee, \$150;

4.17 (3) acupuncturist temporary registration fee, \$60;

4.18 (4) acupuncturist inactive status fee, \$50;

4.19 (5) acupuncturist late fee, \$50;

4.20 (6) duplicate license fee, \$20;

4.21 (7) certification letter fee, \$25;

4.22 (8) education or training program approval fee, \$100;

4.23 (9) report creation and generation fee, \$60 per hour; and

4.24 (10) verification fee, \$25; and.

4.25 ~~(11) criminal background check fee, \$32.~~

4.26 (b) The board may prorate the initial annual license fee. All licensees are required to
4.27 pay the full fee upon license renewal. The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited
4.28 in an account in the state government special revenue fund.

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5.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 147C.40, subdivision 5, is amended
5.4 to read:

5.5 Subd. 5. **Respiratory therapist application and license fees.** (a) The board may charge
5.6 the following nonrefundable fees:

- 5.7 (1) respiratory therapist application fee, \$100;
- 5.8 (2) respiratory therapist annual registration renewal fee, \$90;
- 5.9 (3) respiratory therapist inactive status fee, \$50;
- 5.10 (4) respiratory therapist temporary registration fee, \$90;
- 5.11 (5) respiratory therapist temporary permit, \$60;
- 5.12 (6) respiratory therapist late fee, \$50;
- 5.13 (7) duplicate license fee, \$20;
- 5.14 (8) certification letter fee, \$25;
- 5.15 (9) education or training program approval fee, \$100;
- 5.16 (10) report creation and generation fee, \$60 per hour; and
- 5.17 (11) verification fee, \$25; ~~and~~
- 5.18 ~~(12) criminal background check fee, \$32.~~

5.19 (b) The board may prorate the initial annual license fee. All licensees are required to
5.20 pay the full fee upon license renewal. The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited
5.21 in an account in the state government special revenue fund.

5.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 147D.27, subdivision 5, is amended
5.23 to read:

5.24 Subd. 5. **Additional fees.** The board may also charge the following nonrefundable fees:

- 5.25 (1) verification fee, \$25;
- 5.26 (2) certification letter fee, \$25;
- 5.27 (3) education or training program approval fee, \$100;
- 5.28 (4) report creation and generation fee, \$60 per hour; and
- (5) duplicate license fee, \$20; ~~and~~
- ~~(6) criminal background check fee, \$32.~~

6.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 147F.17, subdivision 1, is amended
6.2 to read:

6.3 Subdivision 1. **Fees.** (a) Fees are as follows:

- 6.4 (1) license application fee, \$200;
- 6.5 (2) initial licensure and annual renewal, \$150;
- 6.6 (3) late fee, \$75;
- 6.7 (4) genetic counselor certification fee, \$25;
- 6.8 (5) temporary license fee, \$60;
- 6.9 (6) duplicate license fee, \$20;
- 6.10 (7) certification letter fee, \$25;
- 6.11 (8) education or training program approval fee, \$100; and
- 6.12 (9) report creation and generation fee, \$60 per hour billed in quarter-hour increments
6.13 with a quarter-hour minimum; ~~and~~
- 6.14 ~~(10) criminal background check fee, \$32.~~

6.15 (b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state
6.16 government special revenue fund.

6.17 **ARTICLE 2**

6.18 **BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE**

6.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6402, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

6.20 Subd. 5. **Contact hour.** "Contact hour" means an instructional session of 60 ~~consecutive~~
6.21 minutes, excluding coffee breaks, registration, meals without a speaker, and social activities.

6.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6402, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

6.23 Subd. 21. **Licensure by equivalency.** "Licensure by equivalency" means a method of
6.24 licensure described in section [148.6412](#) by which an individual who possesses a current
6.25 credential from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy may qualify
6.26 for licensure.

7.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6403, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

7.2 Subdivision 1. **Unlicensed practice prohibited.** ~~No A~~ person ~~shall~~ must not engage in
7.3 the practice of occupational therapy unless the person is licensed as an ~~occupational therapist~~
7.4 ~~or an occupational therapist assistant~~ therapy practitioner in accordance with sections
7.5 [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#).

7.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6403, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

7.7 Subd. 5. **Exempt persons.** This section does not apply to:

- 7.8 (1) a person employed as an ~~occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant~~
7.9 practitioner by the government of the United States or any agency of it. However, use of
7.10 the protected titles under those circumstances is allowed only in connection with performance
7.11 of official duties for the federal government;

7.14 (2) a student participating in supervised fieldwork or supervised coursework that is
7.15 necessary to meet the requirements of section [148.6408, subdivision 1](#), or [148.6410,](#)
7.16 [subdivision 1](#), if the person is designated by a title which clearly indicates the person's status
7.17 as a student trainee. Any use of the protected titles under these circumstances is allowed
7.18 only while the person is performing the duties of the supervised fieldwork or supervised
7.19 coursework; or

7.20 (3) a person visiting and then leaving the state and performing occupational therapy
7.21 services while in the state, if the services are performed no more than 30 days in a calendar
7.22 year as part of a professional activity that is limited in scope and duration and is in association
7.23 with an occupational therapist licensed under sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#), and

7.24 (i) the person is credentialed under the law of another state which has credentialing
7.25 requirements at least as stringent as the requirements of sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#); or

7.26 (ii) the person meets the requirements for certification as an occupational therapist
7.27 registered (OTR) or a certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA), established by the
7.28 National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

7.29 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6403, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

7.30 Subd. 6. **Sanctions.** A person who practices occupational therapy or holds out as an
7.31 ~~occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant/practitioner~~ by or through the use
7.32 of any title described in subdivision 2 without prior licensure according to sections [148.6401](#)
to [148.6449](#) is subject to sanctions or action against continuing the activity according to
section [148.6448](#), chapter 214, or other statutory authority.

8.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6404, is amended to read:

8.4 **148.6404 SCOPE OF PRACTICE.**

8.5 ~~(a) The practice of occupational therapy by an occupational therapist or occupational~~
8.6 ~~therapy assistant includes, but is not limited to, intervention directed toward~~ means the
8.7 therapeutic use of everyday activities with individuals or groups for the purpose of enhancing,
8.8 or enabling participation. It is the promotion of health and well-being through the use of
8.9 occupational therapy services that includes screening, evaluation, intervention, and
8.10 consultation to develop, recover, and maintain a client's:

8.11 ~~(1) assessment and evaluation, including the use of skilled observation or the~~
8.12 ~~administration and interpretation of standardized or nonstandardized tests and measurements,~~
8.13 ~~to identify areas for occupational therapy services;~~

8.14 ~~(2) providing for the development of (1) sensory integrative, neuromuscular, or motor,~~
8.15 emotional, motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance;

8.16 ~~(3) providing for the development of emotional, motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial~~
8.17 ~~components of performance;~~

8.18 ~~(4) developing (2) daily living skills;~~

8.19 ~~(5) developing (3) feeding and swallowing skills;~~

8.20 ~~(6) developing (4) play skills and leisure capacities skills;~~

8.21 ~~(7) enhancing (5) educational performance participation skills;~~

8.22 ~~(8) enhancing (6) functional performance and work readiness through exercise, range~~
8.23 ~~of motion, and use of ergonomic principles participation skills;~~

8.24 ~~(7) community mobility; and~~

8.25 ~~(8) health and wellness.~~

8.26 Occupational therapy services include but are not limited to:

8.27 ~~(9) (1) designing, fabricating, or applying rehabilitative technology, such as selected~~
8.28 ~~orthotic and prosthetic devices, and providing training in the functional use of these devices;~~

8.29 ~~(10) (2) designing, fabricating, or adapting assistive technology and providing training~~
8.30 ~~in the functional use of assistive devices;~~

9.1 ~~(11) (3) adapting environments using assistive technology such as environmental controls,~~
9.2 ~~wheelchair modifications, and positioning; and~~

9.3 ~~(12) (4) employing physical agent modalities; in preparation for or as an adjunct to~~
9.4 ~~purposeful activity, within the same treatment session or to meet established functional~~
9.5 ~~occupational therapy goals; and~~

9.6 ~~(13) promoting health and wellness.~~

(b) Occupational therapy services must be based on nationally established standards of
9.7 practice.

9.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6405, is amended to read:

9.10 **148.6405 LICENSURE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: PROCEDURES AND**
9.11 **QUALIFICATIONS.**

9.12 (a) An applicant for licensure must comply with the application requirements in section
9.13 [148.6420](#). To qualify for licensure, an applicant must satisfy one of the requirements in
9.14 paragraphs (b) to (f) and not be subject to denial of licensure under section [148.6448](#).

9.15 (b) A person who applies for licensure as an occupational therapist and who has not
9.16 been credentialed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or another
9.17 jurisdiction must meet the requirements in section [148.6408](#).

9.18 (c) A person who applies for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant and who has
9.19 not been credentialed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or
9.20 another jurisdiction must meet the requirements in section [148.6410](#).

9.21 (d) A person who is certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational
9.22 Therapy may apply for licensure by equivalency and must meet the requirements in section
9.23 [148.6412](#).

9.24 (e) A person who is credentialed in another jurisdiction and who was previously certified
9.25 by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy may apply for licensure
9.26 by reciprocity and must meet the requirements in section [148.6415](#).

9.27 (f) A person who applies for temporary licensure must meet the requirements in section
9.28 [148.6418](#).

9.29 (g) A person who applies for licensure under paragraph (b), (c), or (f) more than two
9.30 and less than four years after meeting the examination requirements in section [148.6408](#),
9.31 subdivision 2, or [148.6410, subdivision 2](#), must submit the following:

10.1 (1) a completed and signed application for licensure on forms provided by the board;
10.2 (2) the license application fee required under section [148.6445](#);
10.3 (3) if applying for occupational therapist licensure, proof of having met a minimum of
10.4 24 contact hours of continuing education in the two years preceding licensure application,
10.5 or if applying for occupational therapy assistant licensure, proof of having met a minimum
10.6 of 18 contact hours of continuing education in the two years preceding licensure application;

10.7 (4) verified documentation of successful completion of 160 hours of supervised practice
10.8 approved by the board under a limited license specified in section [148.6425, subdivision 3](#),
10.9 paragraph (c); and

10.10 (5) additional information as requested by the board to clarify information in the
10.11 application, including information to determine whether the individual has engaged in
10.12 conduct warranting disciplinary action under section [148.6448](#). The information must be
10.13 submitted within 30 calendar days after from the date of the board's request.

10.14 (h) A person who ~~applied~~ applies for licensure under paragraph (b), (c), or (f) four years
10.15 or more after meeting the examination requirements in section [148.6408, subdivision 2](#), or
10.16 [148.6410, subdivision 2](#), must:

10.17 (1) meet all the requirements in paragraph (g) except clauses (3) and (4);
10.18 (2) submit documentation of having retaken and ~~passed~~ achieved a qualifying score on
10.19 the credentialing examination for occupational therapist therapists or occupational therapy
10.20 ~~assistant assistants~~, or of having completed an occupational therapy refresher program that
10.21 contains both a theoretical and clinical component approved by the board; and

10.22 (3) submit verified documentation of successful completion of 480 hours of supervised
10.23 practice approved by the board under a limited license specified in section [148.6425,](#)
10.24 subdivision 3, paragraph (c). The 480 hours of supervised practice must be completed in
10.25 six months and may be completed at the applicant's place of work. Only refresher courses
10.26 completed within one year prior to the date of application qualify for approval.

10.27 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6412, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.28 Subd. 2. **Persons certified by National Board for Certification in Occupational**
10.29 **Therapy after June 17, 1996.** The board may license any person certified by the National
10.30 Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as an occupational therapist ~~after June 17,~~
10.31 ~~1996~~, if the board determines the requirements for certification are equivalent to or exceed
10.32 the requirements for licensure as an occupational therapist under section [148.6408](#). The
10.33 board may license any person certified by the National Board for Certification in
11.1 Occupational Therapy as an occupational therapy assistant ~~after June 17, 1996~~, if the board
11.2 determines the requirements for certification are equivalent to or exceed the requirements
11.3 for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant under section [148.6410](#). Nothing in this
11.4 section limits the board's authority to deny licensure based upon the grounds for discipline
11.5 in sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#).

11.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6415, is amended to read:

11.7 **148.6415 LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY.**

11.8 A person who is not certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational
11.9 Therapy but who holds a current credential as an occupational therapist in the District of
11.10 Columbia or a state or territory of the United States whose standards for credentialing are
11.11 determined by the board to be equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure under
11.12 section [148.6408](#) may be eligible for licensure by reciprocity as an occupational therapist.

11.13 A person who is not certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
11.14 but who holds a current credential as an occupational therapy assistant in the District of
11.15 Columbia or a state or territory of the United States whose standards for credentialing are
11.16 determined by the board to be equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure under
11.17 section [148.6410](#) may be eligible for licensure by reciprocity as an occupational therapy
11.18 assistant. Nothing in this section limits the board's authority to deny licensure based upon
11.19 the grounds for discipline in sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#). An applicant must provide:

11.20 (1) the application materials as required by section [148.6420, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4](#);
11.21 (2) the fees required by section [148.6445](#);
11.22 (3) a copy of a current and unrestricted credential for the practice of occupational therapy
11.23 as either an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant;

11.24 (4) a letter from the jurisdiction that issued the credential describing the applicant's
11.25 qualifications that entitled the applicant to receive the credential; and
11.26

11.27 (5) other information necessary to determine whether the credentialing standards of the
11.28 jurisdiction that issued the credential are equivalent to or exceed the requirements for
11.29 licensure under sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#).

11.30 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6418, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

11.31 Subd. 4. **Supervision required.** An applicant who has graduated from an accredited
11.32 occupational therapy program, as required by section [148.6408, subdivision 1](#), or [148.6410,](#)
12.1 [subdivision 1](#), and who has not passed the examination required by section [148.6408,](#)
12.2 [subdivision 2](#), or [148.6410, subdivision 2](#), must practice under the supervision of a licensed
12.3 occupational therapist. The supervising therapist must, at a minimum, supervise the person
12.4 working under temporary licensure in the performance of the initial evaluation, determination
12.5 of the appropriate ~~treatment~~ intervention plan, and periodic review and modification of the
12.6 ~~treatment~~ intervention plan. The supervising therapist must observe the person working
12.7 under temporary licensure in order to ~~assure~~ ensure service competency in carrying out
12.8 evaluation, ~~treatment~~ intervention planning, and ~~treatment~~ intervention implementation.
12.9 The frequency of face-to-face collaboration between the person working under temporary
12.10 licensure and the supervising therapist must be based on the condition of each patient or
12.11 client, the complexity of ~~treatment~~ intervention and evaluation procedures, and the
12.12 proficiencies of the person practicing under temporary licensure. Following demonstrated
12.13 service competency of the applicant, supervision must occur no less than every ten
12.14 intervention days or every 30 calendar days, whichever occurs first. The occupational
12.15 therapist or occupational therapy assistant working under temporary licensure must provide
12.16 verification of supervision on the application form provided by the board.

12.17 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6418, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

12.18 Subd. 5. **Expiration of temporary licensure.** (a) A person issued a temporary license
12.19 pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (1), must demonstrate to the board within the temporary
12.20 licensure period successful completion of the qualifying examination requirement under
12.21 section 148.6408, subdivision 2, or section 148.6410, subdivision 2. A temporary license
12.22 holder who fails the qualifying examination for a second time shall have their temporary
12.23 license revoked effective upon notification to the temporary license holder of the examination
12.24 score. It is the temporary license holder's obligation to submit to the board their qualifying
12.25 examination scores and to refrain from practice if their temporary license is revoked. Failure
12.26 to do so subjects the temporary license holder to disciplinary action pursuant to section
12.27 148.6448, subdivision 1, clause (5).

12.28 (b) ~~A temporary license issued to a person pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (1), expires~~
12.29 ~~six months from the date of issuance for occupational therapists and occupational therapy~~
12.30 ~~assistants or on the date the board grants or denies licensure, whichever occurs first. A~~
12.31 ~~temporary license issued to a person pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (2) or (3), expires 90~~
12.32 ~~days after it is issued. Upon application for renewal, a temporary license shall be renewed~~
12.33 ~~once to persons who have not met the examination requirement under section [148.6408,](#)~~
12.34 ~~[subdivision 2](#), or [148.6410, subdivision 2](#), within the initial temporary licensure period and~~
12.35 ~~who are not the subject of a disciplinary action nor disqualified on the basis of items in~~
13.1 ~~section [148.6448, subdivision 1](#). Upon application for renewal, a temporary license shall~~
13.2 ~~be renewed once to persons who are able to demonstrate good cause for failure to meet the~~
13.3 ~~requirements for licensure under section [148.6412](#) or [148.6415](#) within the initial temporary~~
13.4 ~~licensure period and who are not the subject of a disciplinary action nor disqualified on the~~
13.5 ~~basis of items in section [148.6448, subdivision 1](#).~~

13.6 (c) A temporary license is not renewable.

13.7 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 148.6420, subdivision 1, is amended
13.8 to read:

13.9 Subdivision 1. **Applications for licensure.** An applicant for licensure must:

- 13.10 (1) submit a completed application for licensure on forms provided by the board and
13.11 must supply the information requested on the application, including:
- 13.12 (i) the applicant's name, business address and business telephone number, business
13.13 setting, primary e-mail address, and daytime telephone number;
 - 13.14 (ii) the name and location of the occupational therapy program the applicant completed;
 - 13.15 (iii) a description of the applicant's education and training, including a list of degrees
13.16 received from educational institutions;
 - 13.17 (iv) the applicant's work history for the six years preceding the application, ~~including~~
13.18 ~~the number of hours worked;~~
 - 13.19 (v) a list of all credentials currently and previously held in Minnesota and other
13.20 jurisdictions;
 - 13.21 (vi) a description of any jurisdiction's refusal to credential the applicant;
 - 13.22 (vii) a description of all professional disciplinary actions initiated against the applicant
13.23 in any jurisdiction;
 - 13.24 (viii) information on any physical or mental condition or chemical dependency that
13.25 impairs the person's ability to engage in the practice of occupational therapy with reasonable
13.26 judgment or safety;
 - 13.27 (ix) a description of any misdemeanor or felony conviction that relates to honesty or to
13.28 the practice of occupational therapy; and

- 13.29 (x) a description of any state or federal court order, including a conciliation court
13.30 judgment or a disciplinary order, related to the individual's occupational therapy practice;
14.1 (2) submit with the application all fees required by section [148.6445](#);
14.2 (3) sign a statement that the information in the application is true and correct to the best
14.3 of the applicant's knowledge and belief;
14.4 (4) sign a waiver authorizing the board to obtain access to the applicant's records in this
14.5 or any other state in which the applicant holds or previously held a credential for the practice
14.6 of an occupation, has completed an accredited occupational therapy education program, or
14.7 engaged in the practice of occupational therapy;
14.8 (5) submit additional information as requested by the board; and
14.9 (6) submit the additional information required for licensure by equivalency, licensure
14.10 by reciprocity, and temporary licensure as specified in sections [148.6408](#) to [148.6418](#).

14.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6420, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

14.12 Subd. 4. **Applicants credentialed in another jurisdiction.** In addition to providing the
14.13 materials required in subdivision 1, an applicant credentialed in another jurisdiction must
14.14 request that the appropriate government body in each jurisdiction in which the applicant
14.15 holds or held an occupational therapy credential ~~send a letter to the commissioner~~ provide
14.16 documentation to the board that verifies the applicant's credentials. Except as provided in
14.17 section [148.6418](#), a license ~~shall~~ **must** not be issued until the ~~commissioner~~ board receives
14.18 ~~letters verifying verification~~ of each of the applicant's credentials. Each ~~letter~~ verification
14.19 must include the applicant's name and date of birth, credential number and date of issuance,
14.20 a statement regarding investigations pending and disciplinary actions taken or pending
14.21 against the applicant, current status of the credential, and the terms under which the credential
14.22 was issued.

14.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6420, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

14.24 Subd. 5. **Action on applications for licensure.** (a) The board shall approve, approve
14.25 with conditions, or deny licensure. The board shall act on an application for licensure
14.26 according to paragraphs (b) to (d).

14.27 (b) The board shall determine if the applicant meets the requirements for licensure. The
14.28 board, ~~or the advisory council at the board's request~~, may investigate information provided
14.29 by an applicant to determine whether the information is accurate and complete.

14.30 (c) The board shall notify an applicant of action taken on the application and, if licensure
14.31 is denied or approved with conditions, the grounds for the board's determination.

14.32 (d) An applicant denied licensure or granted licensure with conditions may make a
15.1 written request to the board, within 30 days of the date of the board's determination, for
15.2 reconsideration of the board's determination. Individuals requesting reconsideration may
15.3 submit information which the applicant wants considered in the reconsideration. After
15.4 reconsideration of the board's determination to deny licensure or grant licensure with
15.5 conditions, the board shall determine whether the original determination should be affirmed
15.6 or modified. An applicant is allowed no more than one request in any one biennial licensure
15.7 period for reconsideration of the board's determination to deny licensure or approve licensure
15.8 with conditions.

15.9 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6423, is amended to read:

15.10 **148.6423 LICENSURE RENEWAL.**

15.11 Subdivision 1. **Renewal requirements.** To be eligible for licensure renewal, a licensee
15.12 must:

15.13 (1) submit a completed and signed application for licensure renewal ~~on forms provided~~
15.14 ~~by the board~~;

15.15 (2) submit the renewal fee required under section [148.6445](#);

15.16 (3) submit proof of having met the continuing education requirement of section [148.6443](#)
15.17 ~~on forms provided by the board~~; and

15.18 (4) submit additional information as requested by the board to clarify information
15.19 presented in the renewal application. The information must be submitted within 30 calendar
15.20 days ~~after~~ of the board's request.

15.21 Subd. 2. **Renewal deadline.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), licenses must be
15.22 renewed every two years. Licensees must comply with the following procedures in paragraphs
15.23 (b) to (e).

15.24 (b) Each license must state an expiration date. An application for licensure renewal must
15.25 be received by the board ~~or postmarked~~ at least 30 calendar days before the expiration date.
15.26 ~~If the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely if received at least 21~~
15.27 ~~calendar days before the expiration date.~~

15.28 (c) If the board changes the renewal schedule and the expiration date is less than two
15.29 years, the fee and the continuing education contact hours to be reported at the next renewal
15.30 must be prorated.

15.31 (d) An application for licensure renewal not received within the time required under
15.32 paragraph (b), but received on or before the expiration date, must be accompanied by a late
16.1 fee in addition to the renewal fee specified by section [148.6445](#).

16.2 (e) Licensure renewals received after the expiration date ~~shall not be accepted and persons~~
16.3 ~~seeking licensed status~~ must comply with the requirements of section [148.6425](#).

16.4 Subd. 3. **Licensure renewal notice.** At least 60 ~~calendar~~ days before the expiration date
16.5 in subdivision 2, the board ~~shall mail~~ must send or transmit a renewal notice to the ~~licensee's~~
16.6 ~~last known address on file with the board~~ licensee. The notice must include ~~an application~~
16.7 ~~for licensure renewal and notice of fees required for renewal~~ information about accessing
16.8 ~~the license renewal and fee schedule~~. The licensee's failure to receive notice does not relieve
16.9 the licensee of the obligation to meet the renewal deadline and other requirements for
16.10 licensure renewal.

16.11 Subd. 4. **License renewal cycle conversion.** The license renewal cycle for occupational
16.12 therapy licensees is converted to a two-year cycle where renewal is due on the last day of
16.13 the licensee's month of birth. Conversion pursuant to this section begins January 1, 2021.
16.14 This section governs license renewal procedures for licensees who were licensed before
16.15 December 31, 2020. The conversion renewal cycle is the renewal cycle following the first
16.16 license renewal after January 1, 2020. The conversion license period is the license period
16.17 for the conversion renewal cycle. The conversion license period is between 13 and 24 months
16.18 and ends on the last day of the licensee's month of birth in either 2022 or 2023, as described
16.19 in subdivision 5.

16.20 Subd. 5. **Conversion of license renewal cycle for current licensees.** For a licensee
16.21 whose license is current as of December 31, 2020, the licensee's conversion license period
16.22 begins on January 1, 2021, and ends on the last day of the licensee's month of birth in 2023,
16.23 except that for licensees whose month of birth is January, February, March, April, May, or
16.24 June, the licensee's renewal cycle ends on the last day of the licensee's month of birth in
16.25 2022.

16.26 Subd. 6. **Conversion of license renewal cycle for noncurrent licensees.** This subdivision
16.27 applies to a licensee who was licensed before December 31, 2020, but whose license is not
16.28 current as of December 31, 2020. When the licensee first renews the license after January
16.29 1, 2021, the conversion renewal cycle begins on the date the licensee applies for renewal
16.30 and ends on the last day of the licensee's month of birth in the next year, except that if the
16.31 last day of the licensee's month of birth is less than six months after the date the licensee
16.32 applies for renewal, then the renewal period ends on the last day of the licensee's month of
16.33 birth two years after the date of renewal.

17.1 Subd. 7. **Subsequent renewal cycles.** After the licensee's conversion renewal cycle
17.2 under subdivision 5 or 6, subsequent renewal cycles are biennial and begin on the first day
17.3 of the month following the licensee's birth month.

17.4 Subd. 8. **Conversion period and fees.** (a) A licensee who holds a license issued before
17.5 January 1, 2021, and who renews that license pursuant to subdivision 5 or 6, must pay a
17.6 renewal fee as required in this subdivision.

17.7 (b) A licensee must be charged the biennial license fee listed in section 148.6445 for
17.8 the conversion license period.

17.9 (c) For a licensee whose conversion license period is 13 to 24 months, the first biennial
17.10 license fee charged after the conversion license period must be adjusted to credit the excess
17.11 fee payment made during the conversion license period. The credit is calculated by:

17.12 (1) subtracting the number of months of the licensee's conversion license period from
17.13 24; and

17.14 (2) multiplying the result of clause (1) by 1/24 of the biennial fee rounded up to the next
17.15 dollar.

17.16 (d) For a licensee whose conversion license period is 24 months, the first biennial license
17.17 fee charged after the conversion license period must not be adjusted.

17.18 (e) For the second and all subsequent license renewals made after the conversion license
17.19 period, the licensee's biennial license fee is as listed in section 148.6445.

17.20 Subd. 9. **Expiration.** Subdivisions 4, 5, 7, and 8 expire December 31, 2023.

17.21 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6425, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

17.22 Subd. 2. **Licensure renewal after licensure expiration date.** ~~An individual~~ A licensee
17.23 whose application for licensure renewal is received after the licensure expiration date must
17.24 submit the following:

17.25 (1) a completed and signed application for licensure following lapse in licensed status
17.26 on forms provided by the board;

17.27 (2) the renewal fee and the late fee required under section 148.6445;

17.28 (3) proof of having met the continuing education requirements in section 148.6443,
17.29 subdivision 1; and

17.30 (4) additional information as requested by the board to clarify information in the
18.1 application, including information to determine whether the ~~individual~~ licensee has engaged
18.2 in conduct warranting disciplinary action as set forth in section 148.6448. The information
18.3 must be submitted within 30 calendar days ~~after~~ from the date of the board's request.

18.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6428, is amended to read:

18.5 **148.6428 CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, OR EMPLOYMENT.**

18.6 A licensee who changes a name, primary e-mail address, address, or employment,
18.7 business address, or business telephone number must inform the board, ~~in writing,~~ of the
18.8 change of name, primary e-mail address, address, employment, business address, or business
18.9 telephone number within 30 calendar days from the effective date of the change. A change
18.10 in name must be accompanied by a copy of a marriage certificate or court order. All notices

18.11 or other correspondence ~~mailed to or~~ served on a licensee by the board at the licensee's
18.12 ~~address contact information~~ on file with the board ~~shall~~ must be considered as having been
18.13 received by the licensee.

18.14
18.15 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6430, is amended to read:

18.16 **148.6430 DELEGATION OF DUTIES; ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS.**

18.17 The occupational therapist is responsible for all duties delegated to the occupational
18.18 therapy assistant or tasks assigned to direct service personnel. The occupational therapist
18.19 may delegate to an occupational therapy assistant those portions of a client's evaluation,
reevaluation, and ~~treatment~~ intervention that, according to prevailing national practice
18.20 standards ~~of the American Occupational Therapy Association~~, can be performed by an
18.21 occupational therapy assistant. The occupational therapist may not delegate portions of an
18.22 evaluation or reevaluation of a person whose condition is changing rapidly.

18.23
18.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6432, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

18.25 Subd. 3. **Treatment Intervention.** (a) The occupational therapist ~~shall~~ must determine
18.26 the frequency and manner of supervision of an occupational therapy assistant performing
18.27 ~~treatment~~ intervention procedures delegated pursuant to section 148.6430; based on the
18.28 condition of the patient or client, the complexity of the ~~treatment~~ intervention procedure,
18.29 and the ~~proficiencies~~ service competency of the occupational therapy assistant.

18.30 (b) Face-to-face collaboration between the occupational therapist and the occupational
18.31 therapy assistant ~~shall~~ must occur, ~~at a minimum, every two weeks~~ every ten intervention
18.32 days or every 30 days, whichever comes first, during which time the occupational therapist
19.1 is responsible for:

19.2 (1) planning and documenting an initial ~~treatment~~ intervention plan and discharge from
19.3 ~~treatment interventions~~;

19.4 (2) reviewing ~~treatment~~ intervention goals, therapy programs, and client progress;

19.5 (3) supervising changes in the ~~treatment~~ intervention plan;

19.6 (4) conducting or observing ~~treatment~~ intervention procedures for selected clients and
19.7 documenting appropriateness of ~~treatment~~ intervention procedures. Clients ~~shall~~ must be
19.8 selected based on the occupational therapy services provided to the client and the role of
19.9 the occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant in those services; and

19.10 (5) ensuring the service competency of the occupational therapy assistant in performing
19.11 delegated ~~treatment~~ intervention procedures.

19.12 (c) Face-to-face collaboration must occur more frequently ~~than every two weeks~~ if
19.13 necessary to meet the requirements of paragraph (a) or (b).

19.14 (d) The occupational therapist ~~shall~~ must document compliance with this subdivision in
19.15 the client's file or chart.

19.16 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6435, is amended to read:

19.17 **148.6435 COORDINATION OF SERVICES.**

19.18 An occupational therapist ~~shall~~ must:

19.19 (1) collect information necessary to ensure that the provision of occupational therapy
19.20 services are consistent with the client's physical and mental health status. The information
19.21 required to make this determination may include, but is not limited to, contacting the client's
19.22 licensed health care professional for health history, current health status, current medications,
19.23 and precautions;

19.24 (2) modify or terminate occupational therapy ~~treatment~~ intervention of a client that is
19.25 not beneficial to the client, not tolerated by the client, or refused by the client, and if ~~treatment~~
19.26 intervention was terminated for a medical reason, notify the client's licensed health care
19.27 professional by correspondence postmarked or delivered to the licensed health care
19.28 professional within ~~seven calendar days~~ one week of the termination of ~~treatment~~
19.29 intervention;

19.30 (3) refer a client to an appropriate health care, social service, or education practitioner
19.31 if the client's condition requires services not within the occupational therapist's service
19.32 competency or not within the practice of occupational therapy generally; and

20.1 (4) participate and cooperate in the coordination of occupational therapy services with
20.2 other related services, as a member of the professional community serving the client; ~~and~~

20.3 (5) ~~communicate, in writing, with the appropriate licensed health care professional an~~
20.4 ~~occupational therapy plan of care, postmarked or delivered to the licensed health care~~
20.5 ~~professional within 14 calendar days of the initiation of treatment. The occupational therapist~~
20.6 ~~must provide this written communication even if occupational therapy treatment is concluded~~
20.7 ~~in less than 14 consecutive days. The occupational therapist shall document modifications~~
20.8 ~~to the plan of care requested by the licensed health care professional following consultation~~
20.9 ~~with the licensed health care professional. Occupational therapists employed by a school~~
20.10 ~~system are exempt from the requirements of this clause in the performance of their duties~~
20.11 ~~within the school system.~~

20.12 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6443, as amended by Laws 2019, chapter
20.13 50, article 1, section 49, is amended to read:

20.14 **148.6443 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.**

20.16 Subdivision 1. **General requirements.** A licensed occupational therapist must obtain
20.17 a minimum of 24 contact hours of continuing education in the two-year licensure period.
20.18 A licensed occupational therapy assistant must obtain a minimum of 18 contact hours of
20.19 continuing education in the two-year licensure period. All continuing education coursework
20.20 must be obtained between the effective and expiration dates of the license. Licensees who
20.21 are issued licenses for a period of less than two years ~~shall~~ must obtain a prorated number
20.22 of contact hours required for licensure renewal based on the number of months licensed
20.23 during the two-year licensure period.

20.24 ~~To qualify as a continuing education activity, the activity must be a minimum of one-~~
20.25 ~~contact hour. Contact hours must be earned and reported in increments of one contact hour~~
20.26 ~~or one-half contact hour after the first contact hour of each continuing education activity.~~
20.27 ~~One-half contact hour means an instructional session of 30 consecutive minutes, excluding~~
20.28 ~~coffee breaks, registration, meals without a speaker, and social activities.~~

20.29 Each licensee is responsible for financing the cost of the licensee's continuing education
20.30 activities.

20.31 Subd. 2. **Standards for determining qualified continuing education activities.** To be
20.32 accepted by the board, activities must be related to a licensee's current or anticipated roles
21.1 and responsibilities as an occupational therapy practitioner and must directly or indirectly
21.2 serve to protect the public by enhancing the licensee's continuing competence.

21.3 Except as provided in subdivision 3, paragraph (d), in order to qualify as a continuing
21.4 education activity, the activity must:

21.5 (1) constitute an organized program of learning;
21.6 (2) reasonably be expected to advance the knowledge and skills of the occupational
21.7 therapy practitioner;

21.8 ~~(3) pertain to subjects that directly relate to the practice of occupational therapy;~~
21.9 ~~(4) (3) be conducted by a sponsor approved by the American Occupational Therapy~~

21.10 Association or by individuals who have education, training, and experience by reason of
21.11 which the individuals should be considered experts on the subject matter of the activity;
21.12 and

21.13 ~~(5) (4) be presented by a sponsor who has a mechanism to verify participation and~~
21.14 ~~maintains attendance records for a minimum of three years.~~

21.15 Subd. 3. **Activities qualifying for continuing education contact hours.** (a) The activities
21.16 in this subdivision qualify for continuing education contact hours if they meet all other
21.17 requirements of this section.

21.18 (b) A minimum of one-half of the required contact hours must be directly related to ~~the~~
21.19 occupational therapy practice. The remaining contact hours may be related to occupational
21.20 therapy practice, the delivery of occupational therapy services, or to the practitioner's current
21.21 professional role.

21.22 (c) A licensee may obtain an unlimited number of contact hours in any two-year
21.23 continuing education period through participation in the following:

21.24 (1) attendance at educational programs of annual conferences, lectures, panel discussions,
21.25 workshops, in-service training, seminars, and symposiums;

21.26 (2) successful completion of college or university courses. The licensee must obtain a
21.27 grade of at least a "C" or a pass in a ~~pass or fail~~ pass/fail course in order to receive ~~the~~
21.28 ~~following continuing education credits: credit. One college credit equals six continuing~~
21.29 ~~education contact hours;~~

21.30 ~~(i) one semester credit equals 14 contact hours;~~

21.31 ~~(ii) one trimester credit equals 12 contact hours; and~~

22.1 ~~(iii) one quarter credit equals ten contact hours;~~

22.2 (3) successful completion of home study courses that require the participant to
22.3 demonstrate the participant's knowledge following completion of the course.

22.4 (d) A licensee may obtain a maximum of ~~six~~ one half of the required contact hours in
22.5 any two-year continuing education period for:

22.6 (1) teaching continuing education or occupational therapy related courses that meet the
22.7 requirements of this section. A licensee is entitled to earn a maximum of two contact hours
22.8 as preparation time for each contact hour of presentation time. Contact hours may be claimed
22.9 only once for teaching the same course in any two-year continuing education period. A
22.10 course schedule or brochure must be maintained for audit;

22.11 (2) supervising occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant students. A
22.12 licensee may earn one contact hour for every eight hours of student supervision. Licensees
22.13 ~~must maintain a log indicating the name of~~ ensure they receive documentation regarding
22.14 each student supervised and the dates and hours each student was supervised. Contact hours
22.15 obtained by student supervision must be obtained by supervising students from an
22.16 occupational therapy education program accredited by the Accreditation Council for
22.17 Occupational Therapy Education;

22.18 (3) teaching or participating in courses related to leisure activities, recreational activities,
22.19 or hobbies if the practitioner uses these interventions within the practitioner's current practice
22.20 or employment; and

22.21 (4) engaging in research activities or outcome studies that are related to the practice of
22.22 occupational therapy and associated with grants, postgraduate studies, or publications in
22.23 professional journals or books.
22.24

22.25 (e) A licensee may obtain a maximum of two contact hours in any two-year continuing
22.26 education period for continuing education activities in the following areas:

22.27 (1) personal skill topics: career burnout, communication skills, human relations, and
22.28 similar topics; ~~and~~

22.29 (2) training that is obtained in conjunction with a licensee's employment, occurs during
22.30 a licensee's normal workday, and does not include subject matter specific to the fundamentals
22.31 of occupational therapy; and

22.32 ~~(3) participation for a minimum of one year on a professional committee or board.~~

22.33 Subd. 4. **Activities not qualifying for continuing education contact hours.** ~~No~~ Credit
23.1 ~~shall must not~~ be granted for the following activities: hospital rounds, entertainment or
23.2 recreational activities, noneducational association meetings, and employment orientation
23.3 sessions, ~~holding an office or serving as an organizational delegate, meetings for the purpose~~
23.4 ~~of making policy and noneducational association meetings.~~

23.5 Subd. 5. **Reporting continuing education contact hours.** ~~Within one month following~~
23.6 ~~licensure expiration, each licensee shall submit verification that the licensee has met the~~
23.7 ~~continuing education requirements of this section on the continuing education report form~~
23.8 ~~provided by the board. The continuing education report form may require the following~~
23.9 ~~information: Each licensee must use the continuing education reporting form to verify~~
23.10 meeting the continuing education requirements of this section. The licensee must maintain
23.11 documentation, including but not limited to a signed certificate, transcript, or similar evidence
23.12 of participation in an activity. The documentation must include a:

23.13 (1) title of the continuing education activity;

23.14 (2) brief description of the continuing education activity, prepared by the presenter or
23.15 sponsor;

23.16 (3) sponsor, presenter, or author;

23.17 (4) location and attendance dates;

23.18 (5) number of contact hours; and

23.19 (6) licensee's ~~notarized affirmation that the information is true and correct~~ name.

23.20 Subd. 6. **Auditing continuing education reports.** (a) The board may audit a percentage
23.21 of the continuing education reports based on random selection. A licensee shall maintain
23.22 all documentation required by this section for two years after the last day of the biennial
23.23 licensure period in which the contact hours were earned.

23.24 (b) All renewal applications that are received after the expiration date may be subject
23.25 to a continuing education report audit.

23.26 (c) Any licensee against whom a complaint is filed may be subject to a continuing
23.27 education report audit.

23.28 (d) The licensee shall make the following information available to the board for auditing
23.29 purposes:

23.30 (1) a copy of the completed continuing education ~~report reporting~~ form for the continuing
23.31 education reporting period that is the subject of the audit including all supporting
23.32 documentation required by subdivision 5;

24.1 ~~(2) a description of the continuing education activity prepared by the presenter or sponsor~~
24.2 ~~that includes the course title or subject matter, date, place, number of program contact hours,~~
24.3 ~~presenters, and sponsors;~~

24.4 ~~(3) documentation of self-study programs by materials prepared by the presenter or~~
24.5 ~~sponsor that includes the course title, course description, name of sponsor or author, and~~
24.6 ~~the number of hours required to complete the program;~~

24.7 ~~(4)~~ (2) documentation of university, college, or vocational school courses by a transcript
24.8 and a course syllabus, listing in a course bulletin, or equivalent documentation that includes
24.9 the course title, instructor's name, course dates, number of contact hours, and course content,
24.10 objectives, or goals; and

24.11 ~~(5)~~ (3) verification of attendance by:

24.12 (i) a signature of the presenter or a designee at the continuing education activity on the
24.13 continuing education report form or a certificate of attendance with the course name, course
24.14 date, and licensee's name;

24.15 (ii) a summary or outline of the educational content of an audio or video educational
24.16 activity to verify the licensee's participation in the activity if a designee is not available to
24.17 sign the continuing education report form; or

24.18 (iii) verification of self-study programs by a certificate of completion or other
24.19 documentation indicating that the individual has demonstrated knowledge and has
24.20 successfully completed the program; ~~or.~~

24.21 ~~(iv) verification of attendance at a university, college, or vocational course by an official~~
24.22 ~~transcript.~~

24.23 Subd. 7. **Waiver of continuing education requirements.** ~~The board may grant a waiver~~
24.24 ~~of the requirements of this section in cases where the requirements would impose an extreme~~
24.25 ~~hardship on the licensee. The board may waive or defer all or part of the continuing education~~
24.26 requirements of this section if the licensee submits a written request and provides satisfactory
24.27 evidence to the board of illness, injury, financial hardship, family hardship, or other similar
24.28 extenuating circumstances that preclude completion of the requirements during the licensure
24.29 period. The request for a waiver must be in writing, state the circumstances that constitute
24.30 extreme hardship, state the period of time the licensee wishes to have the continuing
24.31 education requirement waived, and state the alternative measures that will be taken if a

24.32 waiver is granted. The board ~~shall~~ must set forth, in writing, the reasons for granting or
24.33 denying the waiver. Waivers granted by the board ~~shall~~ must specify, in writing, the time
25.1 limitation and required alternative measures to be taken by the licensee. A request for waiver
25.2 ~~shall~~ must be denied if the board finds that the circumstances stated by the licensee do not
25.3 support a claim of ~~extreme~~ hardship, the requested time period for waiver is unreasonable,
25.4 the alternative measures proposed by the licensee are not equivalent to the continuing
25.5 education activity being waived, or the request for waiver is not submitted to the board
25.6 within 60 calendar days ~~after~~ of the expiration date.

25.7 Subd. 8. **Penalties for noncompliance.** The board shall refuse to renew or grant, or
25.8 shall suspend, condition, limit, or qualify the license of any person who the board determines
25.9 has failed to comply with the continuing education requirements of this section. A licensee
25.10 may request reconsideration of the board's determination of noncompliance or the penalty
25.11 imposed under this section by making a written request to the board within 30 calendar days
25.12 of the date of notification to the applicant. Individuals requesting reconsideration may submit
25.13 information that the licensee wants considered in the reconsideration.

25.14 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

25.15 Subd. 11. **Penalty fees.** (a) The penalty fee for practicing occupational therapy or using
25.16 protected titles without a current license after the credential has expired and before it is
25.17 renewed is the amount of the license renewal fee for any part of the first month, plus the
25.18 license renewal fee for any part of any subsequent month up to 36 months.

25.19 (b) The penalty fee for applicants who engage in the unauthorized practice of occupational
25.20 therapy or use protected titles before being issued a license is the amount of the license
25.21 application fee for any part of the first month, plus the license application fee for any part
25.22 of any subsequent month up to 36 months. This paragraph does not apply to applicants not
25.23 qualifying for a license who engage in the unauthorized practice of occupational therapy.

25.24 (c) ~~The penalty fee for practicing occupational therapy and failing~~ When an occupational
25.25 therapy practitioner fails to submit a requested continuing education report by the due date
25.26 with the correct number or type of hours in the correct time period ~~is \$100 plus \$20 for each~~
25.27 ~~missing clock hour. the practitioner must pay either: (1) a \$100 penalty fee and complete~~
25.28 ~~the missing contact hours within 30 calendar days from the date of the penalty fee notice;~~
25.29 ~~or (2) a \$100 penalty fee and \$20 for each missing contact hour, and complete the missing~~
25.30 ~~number of contact hours by the next reporting due date. "Missing" means not obtained~~
25.31 ~~between the effective and expiration dates of the license; the one-month period following~~
25.32 ~~the license expiration date, or the 30 days following notice of a penalty fee for failing to~~
25.33 ~~report all continuing education hours. The licensee must obtain the missing number of~~
~~continuing education hours by the next reporting due date.~~

26.1 (d) Civil penalties and discipline incurred by licensees ~~prior to August 1, 2005~~, for
26.2 conduct described in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) shall be recorded as nondisciplinary penalty
26.3 fees. For conduct described in paragraph (a) or (b) ~~occurring after August 1, 2005, and~~
26.4 exceeding six months, payment of a penalty fee does not preclude any disciplinary action
26.5 reasonably justified by the individual case.

26.7 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 148.6448, subdivision 1, is amended
26.8 to read:

26.9 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for denial of licensure or discipline.** The board may deny an
26.10 application for licensure, may approve licensure with conditions, or may discipline a licensee
26.11 using any disciplinary actions listed in subdivision 3 on proof that the individual has:

- 26.12 (1) intentionally submitted false or misleading information to the board;
- 26.13 (2) failed, within 30 days, to provide information in response to a written request by the
26.14 board;
- 26.15 (3) performed services of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in
26.16 an incompetent manner or in a manner that falls below the community standard of care;
- 26.17 (4) failed to satisfactorily perform occupational therapy services during a period of
26.18 temporary licensure;
- 26.19 (5) violated sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#);
- 26.20 (6) failed to perform services with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety due to the use
26.21 of alcohol or drugs, or other physical or mental impairment;
- 26.22 (7) been convicted of violating any state or federal law, rule, or regulation which directly
26.23 relates to the practice of occupational therapy;
- 26.24 (8) aided or abetted another person in violating any provision of sections [148.6401](#) to
26.25 [148.6449](#);
- 26.26 (9) been disciplined for conduct in the practice of an occupation by the state of Minnesota,
26.27 another jurisdiction, or a national professional association, if any of the grounds for discipline
26.28 are the same or substantially equivalent to those in sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#);
- 26.29 (10) not cooperated with the board in an investigation conducted according to subdivision
26.30 2;
- 26.31 (11) advertised in a manner that is false or misleading;
- 27.1 (12) engaged in dishonest, unethical, or unprofessional conduct in connection with the
27.2 practice of occupational therapy that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;
- 27.3 (13) demonstrated a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a
27.4 client;

- 27.5 (14) performed medical diagnosis or provided ~~treatment~~ intervention, other than
27.6 occupational therapy, without being licensed to do so under the laws of this state;
- 27.7 (15) paid or promised to pay a commission or part of a fee to any person who contacts
27.8 the occupational therapist for consultation or sends patients to the occupational therapist
27.9 for ~~treatment~~ intervention;
- 27.10 (16) engaged in an incentive payment arrangement, other than that prohibited by clause
27.11 (15), that promotes occupational therapy overutilization, whereby the referring person or
27.12 person who controls the availability of occupational therapy services to a client profits
27.13 unreasonably as a result of client ~~treatment~~ intervention;
- 27.14 (17) engaged in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of federal
27.15 Medicare and Medicaid laws, Food and Drug Administration regulations, or state medical
27.16 assistance laws;
- 27.17 (18) obtained money, property, or services from a consumer through the use of undue
27.18 influence, high pressure sales tactics, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud;
- 27.19 (19) performed services for a client who had no possibility of benefiting from the services;
- 27.20 (20) failed to refer a client for medical evaluation when appropriate or when a client
27.21 indicated symptoms associated with diseases that could be medically or surgically treated;
- 27.22 (21) engaged in conduct with a client that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted by
27.23 the client as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a
27.24 patient;
- 27.25 (22) violated a federal or state court order, including a conciliation court judgment, or
27.26 a disciplinary order issued by the board, related to the person's occupational therapy practice;
27.27 or
- 27.28 (23) any other just cause related to the practice of occupational therapy.

27.29 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6448, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

27.30 Subd. 2. **Investigation of complaints.** The board may initiate an investigation upon
27.31 receiving a complaint or other oral or written communication that alleges or implies that a
28.1 person has violated sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#). In the receipt, investigation, and hearing
28.2 of a complaint that alleges or implies a person has violated sections [148.6401](#) to [148.6449](#),
28.3 the board ~~shall~~ must follow the procedures in ~~section~~ sections [214.10](#) and [214.103](#).

28.4 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6449, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.5 Subd. 2. **Qualifications of board members.** (a) The occupational therapy practitioners
28.6 appointed to the board must represent a variety of practice areas and settings.

28.7 (b) At least two occupational therapy practitioners must be employed outside the
seven-county metropolitan area.

28.8 (c) Board members ~~shall~~ must not serve for ~~not~~ more than two full consecutive terms.

28.9 Sec. 26. **REPEALER.**

28.10 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 148.6402, subdivisions 10 and 15; and 148.6412,
28.11 subdivision 1, are repealed.

28.12 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 4664.0003, subpart 28, is repealed.

28.13 ARTICLE 3

28.14 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

28.15

28.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, is amended by adding a subdivision
28.17 to read:

28.18 Subd. 3a. **Baccalaureate degree.** "Baccalaureate degree" means a bachelor's degree in
social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the
Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body that the
board designates.

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28.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, is amended by adding a subdivision
28.22 to read:

28.23 Subd. 7b. **Clock hour.** "Clock hour" means 60 minutes of learning.

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28.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, is amended by adding a subdivision
28.26 to read:

28.27 Subd. 7c. **Continuing education.** "Continuing education" means education and training
28.28 to maintain, improve, or enhance competent social work practice.

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29.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, is amended by adding a subdivision
29.3 to read:

29.4 Subd. 7d. **Continuing education independent learning.** "Continuing education
independent learning" means a licensee's individual study, including but not limited to online
29.5 activities without live interaction, research for publication, presentations, or professional
29.6 development.

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29.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

29.9 Subd. 7e. **Continuing education social work ethics.** "Continuing education social work
29.10 ethics" means:

29.11 (1) the history and evolution of values and ethics in social work, including cultural
29.12 awareness and social diversity;

29.13 (2) ethics theories;

29.14 (3) professional standards of social work practice, as specified in the ethical codes of
29.15 the National Association of Social Workers, the Association of Canadian Social Workers,
29.16 the Clinical Social Work Federation, and the Council on Social Work Education;

29.17 (4) the legal requirements and other considerations for each jurisdiction that registers,
29.18 certifies, or licenses social workers; or

(5) the ethical decision-making process.

29.19 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

29.20 Subd. 9. **Intern.** "Intern" means a student in field placement working under the
29.21 supervision ~~or direction~~ of a social worker to fulfill the requirements of a program accredited
29.22 by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social
29.23 Work, or a similar accreditation body that the board designates.

29.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

29.26 Subd. 11. **Practice of social work.** (a) "Practice of social work" means working to
29.27 maintain, restore, or improve behavioral, cognitive, emotional, mental, or social functioning
29.28 of clients, in a manner that applies accepted professional social work knowledge, skills, and
29.29 values, including the person-in-environment perspective, by providing in person or through
29.30 telephone, video conferencing, or electronic means one or more of the social work services
29.31 described in paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3). Social work services may address conditions
30.1 that impair or limit behavioral, cognitive, emotional, mental, or social functioning. Such
30.2 conditions include, but are not limited to, the following: abuse and neglect of children or
30.3 vulnerable adults, addictions, developmental disorders, disabilities, discrimination, illness,
30.4 injuries, poverty, and trauma. Practice of social work also means providing social work
30.5 services in a position for which the educational basis is the individual's degree in social
30.6 work described in subdivision 13.

30.7 (b) Social work services include:

30.8 (1) providing assessment and intervention through direct contact with clients, developing
30.9 a plan based on information from an assessment, and providing services which include, but
30.10 are not limited to, assessment, case management, client-centered advocacy, client education,
30.11 consultation, counseling, crisis intervention, and referral;

30.12 (2) providing for the direct or indirect benefit of clients through administrative,
30.13 educational, policy, or research services including, but not limited to:

30.14 (i) advocating for policies, programs, or services to improve the well-being of clients;

30.15 (ii) conducting research related to social work services;

30.16 (iii) developing and administering programs which provide social work services;

30.17 (iv) engaging in community organization to address social problems and macrocosm
30.18 issues through planned collective action;

30.19 (v) supervising individuals who provide social work services to clients;

30.20 (vi) supervising social workers in order to comply with the supervised practice
30.21 requirements specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#); and

30.22 (vii) teaching professional social work knowledge, skills, and values to students; and

30.23 (3) engaging in clinical practice as defined in subdivision 6.

30.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

30.25 Subd. 16. **Student.** "Student" means an individual who is ~~taught~~ currently enrolled in a
30.26 program that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian
30.27 Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body that the board
30.28 designates and who studies professional social work knowledge, skills, and values ~~in a~~
30.29 ~~program that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian~~
30.30 ~~Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body designated by the~~
~~board.~~

31.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

31.2 Subd. 17. **Supervisee.** "Supervisee" means an individual ~~provided~~ who receives
31.3 evaluation and supervision or direction of the supervisee's social work practice through
31.4 supervision in order to comply with sections 148E.100 to 148E.125 by an individual who
31.5 meets the requirements under section [148E.120](#).

31.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

31.8 Subd. 18. **Supervision.** "Supervision" means a professional relationship between a
31.9 supervisor and a ~~social worker~~ supervisee in which the supervisor ~~provides evaluation and~~
31.10 ~~direction of the services provided by the social worker to promote competent and ethical~~
31.11 ~~services to clients through the continuing development of the social worker's knowledge~~
31.12 ~~and application of accepted professional social work knowledge, skills, and values~~ evaluates
31.13 and directs the supervisee's social work practice. A supervisor's role is to promote a

31.14 supervisee's continued development of the supervisee's knowledge, skills, and abilities to
31.15 practice social work in an ethical and competent manner.

31.16 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

31.17 Subd. 19. **Supervisor.** "Supervisor" means an individual who ~~provides~~ meets the
31.18 requirements of section 148E.120 to provide evaluation and direction through supervision
as described in subdivision 18 in order to comply with sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

31.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.010, is amended by adding a subdivision
31.20 to read:

31.21 Subd. 20. **Underrepresented community.** "Underrepresented community" means a
31.22 group that is not represented in the majority with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin,
31.23 sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical ability.

31.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.015, is amended to read:

31.25 **148E.015 SCOPE.**

31.26 This chapter applies to all applicants and licensees, all persons who use the title social
31.27 worker, and all persons ~~in or out of this state who provide social work services to clients~~
31.28 ~~who reside who engage in the practice of social work, as defined in section 148E.010, in~~
31.29 ~~this state, regardless of the practitioner's or client's location, unless there are specific~~
32.1 ~~applicable exemptions provided by law.~~

32.2 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.025, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.3 Subd. 2. **Qualifications of board members.** (a) All social worker members must have
32.4 engaged in the practice of social work in Minnesota for at least one year during the ten years
32.5 preceding their appointments.

32.6 ~~(b) Five social worker members must be licensed social workers under section [148E.055,](#)~~
32.7 ~~subdivision 2. The other five members must include a licensed graduate social worker, a~~
32.8 ~~licensed independent social worker, and at least two licensed independent clinical social~~
32.9 ~~workers.~~

32.10 (b) The ten social worker members must include at least:

32.11 (1) three licensed social workers;

32.12 (2) two licensed independent clinical social workers; and

32.13 (3) two licensed graduate social workers or licensed independent social workers.

32.14 (c) ~~Eight~~ Five social worker members must be engaged at the time of their appointment
32.15 in the practice of social work in Minnesota in the following settings:

32.16 (1) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in either a county or
32.17 state agency;

32.18 (2) ~~one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in a state agency;~~

32.19 ~~(3) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in an elementary,~~
32.20 ~~middle, or secondary school;~~

32.21 ~~(4) one member must be employed in a hospital or nursing home licensed under~~
32.22 ~~chapter 144 or 144A engaged in the practice of social work in a health care setting;~~

32.23 ~~(5) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in a private agency~~
32.24 ~~setting; and~~

32.25 ~~(6) two members must be engaged in the practice of social work in a clinical social work~~
32.26 ~~setting; and~~

32.27 ~~(7) one member must be an educator engaged in regular teaching duties at a program~~
32.28 ~~of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or a similar accreditation~~
32.29 ~~body designated by that the board designates.~~

33.1 (d) At the time of their appointments, at least six members must reside outside of the
33.2 11-county metropolitan area.

33.3 (e) At the time of their appointments, at least five members must be ~~persons with expertise~~
33.4 ~~in communities of color. members of:~~

33.5 (1) a community of color; or

33.6 (2) an underrepresented community, as defined in section 148E.010, subdivision 20.

33.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

33.8 Subdivision 1. **License required.** ~~(a)~~ In order to practice social work, as defined in
33.9 section 148E.010, subdivisions 6 and 11, an individual must have a social work license
33.10 under this section or section [148E.060](#), except when the individual is exempt from licensure
33.11 according to section [148E.065](#).

33.12 ~~(b) Individuals who teach professional social work knowledge, skills, and values to~~
33.13 ~~students and who have a social work degree from a program accredited by the Council on~~
33.14 ~~Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar~~
33.15 ~~accrediting body designated by the board must have a social work license under this section~~
33.16 ~~or section [148E.060](#), except when the individual is exempt from licensure according to~~
33.17 ~~section [148E.065](#).~~

33.18 ~~(c) Effective July 1, 2016, an individual who is newly employed by a city or state agency~~
33.19 ~~or a private nonprofit, nontribal agency previously exempt from licensure under Minnesota~~
33.20 ~~Statutes 2010, section [148D.065, subdivision 5](#), and section [148E.065](#), subdivision 5, must~~
33.21 ~~be licensed if:~~

33.23 (1) the individual is presented to the public by any title incorporating the words "social-
33.24 work" or "social worker"; or
33.25 (2) the individual has a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work from a program
33.26 accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools
33.27 of Social Work, or a similar accrediting body designated by the board, and the individual
33.28 provides social work services, including clinical social work services, as those services are
33.29 defined in section [148E.010, subdivisions 6](#) and 11.

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33.31 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

33.32 Subd. 2. **Qualifications for licensure by examination as a licensed social worker**
33.33 **(LSW).** ~~(a)~~ To be licensed as a licensed social worker, an applicant for licensure by
34.1 examination must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

34.2 (1) has received a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program accredited by the
34.3 Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work,
34.4 or a similar accreditation body ~~designated by the board, or a doctorate in social work from~~
34.5 ~~an accredited university that the board designates;~~

34.6 (2) has passed the bachelor's or equivalent examination administered by the Association
34.7 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body ~~designated by the board that the board~~
34.8 ~~designates. Unless an applicant applies for licensure by endorsement according to subdivision~~
34.9 ~~7, An examination is not valid if it was taken the applicant took and passed the examination~~
34.10 ~~eight or more years prior to submitting a completed, signed an application form provided~~
34.11 ~~by the board for licensure under this section. An applicant must take the examination may~~
34.12 ~~be taken no more than six months prior to completing degree requirements;~~

34.13 (3) has submitted a completed, signed application form ~~that the board has provided by~~
34.14 ~~the board, including the applicable application fee specified in section [148E.180](#). For~~
34.15 ~~electronic applications submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing an~~
34.16 ~~attestation as specified by the board that the board has specified;~~

34.17 (4) has submitted ~~completed~~ the criminal background check fee and a form provided by
34.18 the board authorizing a criminal background check according to subdivision 8 ~~according~~
34.19 ~~to section 214.075 and paid the required fees;~~

34.20 (5) has paid ~~the all~~ applicable license fee ~~fees~~ specified in section [148E.180](#); and

34.21 (6) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
34.22 practice specified in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#). If the applicant has engaged in conduct
34.23 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
34.24 according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).

34.25 ~~(b) An application that is not completed and signed, or that is not accompanied by the~~
34.26 ~~correct fee, must be returned to the applicant, along with any fee submitted, and is void.~~

34.27 ~~(c) A licensee granted a license by the board according to paragraph (a) must meet the~~
34.28 ~~supervised practice requirements specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#). If a licensee~~
34.29 ~~does not meet the supervised practice requirements, the board may take action according~~
34.30 ~~to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).~~

34.31 ~~(d) By submitting an application for licensure, an applicant authorizes the board to~~
34.32 ~~investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may request~~
34.33 ~~that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation.~~

35.1 ~~(e) Within one year of the time the board receives an application for licensure, the~~
35.2 ~~applicant must meet all the requirements specified in paragraph (a) and must provide all of~~
35.3 ~~the information requested by the board according to paragraph (d). If within one year the~~
35.4 ~~applicant does not meet all the requirements, or does not provide all of the information~~
35.5 ~~requested, the applicant is considered ineligible and the application for licensure must be~~
35.6 ~~closed.~~

35.7 ~~(f) Except as provided in paragraph (g), an applicant may not take more than three times~~
35.8 ~~the bachelor's or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work~~
35.9 ~~Boards, or a similar examination body designated by the board. An applicant must receive~~
35.10 ~~a passing score on the bachelor's or equivalent examination administered by the Association~~
35.11 ~~of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board in no more~~
35.12 ~~than 18 months after the date the applicant first failed the examination.~~

35.13 ~~(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), the board may allow an applicant to take, for a fourth~~
35.14 ~~or subsequent time, the bachelor's or equivalent examination administered by the Association~~
35.15 ~~of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board if the applicant:~~

35.16 ~~(1) meets all requirements specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) other than passing the~~
35.17 ~~bachelor's or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards~~
35.18 ~~or a similar examination body designated by the board;~~

35.19 ~~(2) provides to the board a description of the efforts the applicant has made to improve~~
35.20 ~~the applicant's score and demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the efforts are likely~~
35.21 ~~to improve the score; and~~

35.22 ~~(3) provides to the board letters of recommendation from two licensed social workers~~
35.23 ~~attesting to the applicant's ability to practice social work competently and ethically according~~
35.24 ~~to professional social work knowledge, skills, and values.~~

35.25 ~~(h) An individual must not practice social work until the individual passes the examination~~
35.26 ~~and receives a social work license under this section or section [148E.060](#). If the board has~~
~~reason to believe that an applicant may be practicing social work without a license, and the~~

35.28 applicant has failed the bachelor's or equivalent examination administered by the Association
35.29 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board, the board
35.30 may notify the applicant's employer that the applicant is not licensed as a social worker.

36.1
36.2 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
36.3 to read:

36.4 Subd. 2a. **Qualifications for licensure by endorsement as a licensed social worker**

36.5 **(LSW).** (a) To be licensed as a licensed social worker, an applicant for licensure by
36.6 endorsement must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

36.7 (1) holds an active license or credential as a baccalaureate-level social worker in another
36.8 jurisdiction;

36.9 (2) holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;

36.10 (3) has submitted a completed, signed application form that the board has provided. For
36.11 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
36.12 has specified;

36.13 (4) has completed the criminal background check according to section 214.075 and paid
36.14 the required fees;

36.15 (5) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
36.16 practice specified in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct
36.17 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
36.18 according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270; and

36.19 (6) has paid all applicable fees specified in section 148E.180.

36.20 (b) An individual licensed under this subdivision is not required to meet the supervised
36.21 practice requirements in section 148E.100 provided that the applicant has practiced
36.22 baccalaureate-level social work in another jurisdiction for at least 4,000 hours while actively
36.23 licensed or credentialed as a baccalaureate-level social worker during the four years
36.24 immediately preceding the applicant's submission of an application under this subdivision.

36.25 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

36.26 Subd. 3. **Qualifications for licensure by examination as a licensed graduate social**
36.27 **worker (LGSW).** (a) To be licensed as a licensed graduate social worker, an applicant for
36.28 licensure by examination must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

36.29 (1) has received a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the
36.30 Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work,
36.31 or a similar accreditation body designated by the board that the board designates, or a
36.32 doctorate in social work from an accredited university;

36.33 (2) has passed the master's or equivalent examination administered by the Association
37.1 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board that the board
37.2 designates. Unless an applicant applies for licensure by endorsement according to section
37.3 148E.055, subdivision 7, An examination is not valid if it was taken the applicant took and
37.4 passed the examination eight or more years prior to submitting a completed, signed an
37.5 application form provided by the board for licensure under this section. The applicant must
37.6 take the examination may be taken no more than six months prior to completing degree
37.7 requirements;

37.8 (3) has submitted a completed, signed application form that the board has provided by
37.9 the board, including the applicable application fee specified in section 148E.180. For
37.10 electronic applications submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing an
37.11 attestation as specified by the board that the board has specified;

37.12 (4) has submitted completed the criminal background check fee and a form provided by
37.13 the board authorizing a criminal background check according to subdivision 8 according
37.14 to section 214.075 and paid the required fees;

37.15 (5) has paid the all applicable license fee fees specified in section 148E.180; and

37.16 (6) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
37.17 practice specified in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct
37.18 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
37.19 according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270.

37.20 (b) An application which is not completed and signed, or which is not accompanied by
37.21 the correct fee, must be returned to the applicant, along with any fee submitted, and is void.

37.22 (c) A licensee granted a license by the board according to paragraph (a) must meet the
37.23 supervised practice requirements specified in sections 148E.100 to 148E.125. If a licensee
37.24 does not meet the supervised practice requirements, the board may take action according
37.25 to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270.

37.26 (d) By submitting an application for licensure, an applicant authorizes the board to
37.27 investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may request
37.28 that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation.

37.29 (e) Within one year of the time the board receives an application for licensure, the
37.30 applicant must meet all the requirements specified in paragraph (a) and must provide all of
37.31 the information requested by the board according to paragraph (d). If within one year the
38.1 applicant does not meet all the requirements, or does not provide all of the information
38.2 requested, the applicant is considered ineligible and the application for licensure must be
38.3 closed.

38.4

38.5 (f) Except as provided in paragraph (g), an applicant may not take more than three times
38.6 the master's or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work
38.7 Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board. An applicant must receive
38.8 a passing score on the master's or equivalent examination administered by the Association
38.9 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board in no more
38.10 than 18 months after the date the applicant first failed the examination.

38.11 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), the board may allow an applicant to take, for a fourth
38.12 or subsequent time, the master's or equivalent examination administered by the Association
38.13 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board if the applicant:

38.14 (1) meets all requirements specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) other than passing the master's
38.15 or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards or a
38.16 similar examination body designated by the board;

38.17 (2) provides to the board a description of the efforts the applicant has made to improve
38.18 the applicant's score and demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the efforts are likely
to improve the score; and

38.19 (3) provides to the board letters of recommendation from two licensed social workers
38.20 attesting to the applicant's ability to practice social work competently and ethically according
38.21 to professional social work knowledge, skills, and values.

38.22 (h) An individual must not practice social work until the individual passes the examination
38.23 and receives a social work license under this section or section [148E.060](#). If the board has
38.24 reason to believe that an applicant may be practicing social work without a license, and the
38.25 applicant has failed the master's or equivalent examination administered by the Association
38.26 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board, the board
38.27 may notify the applicant's employer that the applicant is not licensed as a social worker.
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38.29 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
38.30 to read:

38.31 **Subd. 3a. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement as a licensed graduate social**
39.1 **worker (LGSW).** (a) To be licensed as a licensed graduate social worker, an applicant for
39.2 licensure by endorsement must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

39.3 (1) holds an active license or credential as a graduate or master's level social worker in
39.4 another jurisdiction;

39.5 (2) holds a master's degree from an accredited college or university;

39.6 (3) has submitted a completed, signed application form that the board has provided. For
39.7 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
39.8 has specified;

39.9 (4) has completed the criminal background check according to section 214.075 and paid
39.10 the required fees;

39.11 (5) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
39.12 practice specified in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct
39.13 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270; and

39.14 (6) has paid all applicable fees specified in section 148E.180.

39.15 (b) An individual licensed under this subdivision is not required to meet the supervised
39.16 practice requirements in section 148E.105 provided that the applicant has practiced
39.17 nonclinical graduate or master's level social work in another jurisdiction for at least 4,000
39.18 hours while actively licensed or credentialed as a graduate or master's level social worker
39.19 during the four years immediately preceding submission of an application under this
39.20 subdivision.

39.21 (c) An individual licensed under this subdivision engaged in clinical social work practice
39.22 must comply with the supervised practice requirements in section 148E.106.
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39.24 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

39.25 **Subd. 4. Qualifications for licensure by examination; as a licensed independent**
39.26 **social worker (LISW).** (a) To be licensed as a licensed independent social worker, an
39.27 applicant for licensure by examination must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that
39.28 the applicant:

39.29 (1) has received a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the
39.30 Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work,
39.31 or a similar accreditation body designated by the board that the board designates, or a
39.32 doctorate in social work from an accredited university;

40.1 (2) has practiced social work as defined in section [148E.010](#), and has met the supervised
40.2 practice requirements specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#);

40.3 (3) has passed the advanced generalist or equivalent examination administered by the
40.4 Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board
40.5 that the board designates. Unless an applicant applies for licensure by endorsement according
40.6 to subdivision 7, An examination is not valid if it was taken the applicant took and passed
40.7 the examination eight or more years prior to submitting a completed, signed an application
40.8 form provided by the board for licensure under this section;

40.9 (4) has submitted a completed, signed application form provided by the board, including
40.10 the applicable application fee specified in section [148E.180](#) that the board has provided.
40.11 For electronic applications submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing

40.12 an attestation as specified by the board that the board has specified;

40.13 (5) has submitted ~~completed~~ the criminal background check fee and a form provided by
40.14 the board authorizing a criminal background check according to subdivision 8 ~~according~~
40.15 to section 214.075 and paid the required fees;

40.16 (6) has paid the ~~all~~ applicable license fee ~~fees~~ specified in section [148E.180](#); and

40.17 (7) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
40.18 practice specified in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#). If the applicant has engaged in conduct
40.19 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
40.20 according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).

40.21 ~~(b) An application which is not completed and signed, or which is not accompanied by~~
40.22 ~~the correct fee, must be returned to the applicant, along with any fee submitted, and is void.~~

40.23 ~~(c) A licensed independent social worker who practices clinical social work must meet~~
40.24 ~~the supervised practice requirements specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#). If a licensee~~
40.25 ~~does not meet the supervised practice requirements, the board may take action according~~
40.26 ~~to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).~~

40.27 ~~(d) By submitting an application for licensure, an applicant authorizes the board to~~
40.28 ~~investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may request~~
40.29 ~~that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation.~~

40.30 ~~(e) Within one year of the time the board receives an application for licensure, the~~
40.31 ~~applicant must meet all the requirements specified in paragraph (a) and must provide all of~~
40.32 ~~the information requested by the board according to paragraph (d). If within one year the~~
40.33 ~~applicant does not meet all the requirements, or does not provide all of the information~~
41.1 ~~requested, the applicant is considered ineligible and the application for licensure must be~~
41.2 ~~closed.~~

41.3 ~~(f) Except as provided in paragraph (g), an applicant may not take more than three times~~
41.4 ~~the advanced generalist or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social~~
41.5 ~~Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board. An applicant must~~
41.6 ~~receive a passing score on the master's or equivalent examination administered by the~~
41.7 ~~Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board~~
41.8 ~~in no more than 18 months after the first time the applicant failed the examination.~~

41.9 ~~(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), the board may allow an applicant to take, for a fourth~~
41.10 ~~or subsequent time, the advanced generalist or equivalent examination administered by the~~
41.11 ~~Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board~~
41.12 ~~if the applicant:~~

41.13 ~~(1) meets all requirements specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) other than passing the~~
41.14 ~~advanced generalist or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social~~
41.15 ~~Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board;~~

41.16 ~~(2) provides to the board a description of the efforts the applicant has made to improve~~
41.17 ~~the applicant's score and demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the efforts are likely~~
41.18 ~~to improve the score; and~~

41.19 ~~(3) provides to the board letters of recommendation from two licensed social workers~~
41.20 ~~attesting to the applicant's ability to practice social work competently and ethically according~~
41.21 ~~to professional social work knowledge, skills, and values.~~

41.22 ~~(h) An individual must not practice social work until the individual passes the examination~~
41.23 ~~and receives a social work license under this section or section [148E.060](#). If the board has~~
41.24 ~~reason to believe that an applicant may be practicing social work without a license, except~~
41.25 ~~as provided in section [148E.065](#), and the applicant has failed the advanced generalist or~~
41.26 ~~equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards or a similar~~
41.27 ~~examination body designated by the board, the board may notify the applicant's employer~~
41.28 ~~that the applicant is not licensed as a social worker.~~

41.29 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
41.30 to read:

41.31 **Subd. 4a. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement as a licensed independent**
41.32 **social worker (LISW).** (a) To be licensed as a licensed independent social worker, an
42.1 applicant for licensure by endorsement must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that
42.2 the applicant:

42.3 (1) holds an active license or credential as an advanced practice graduate or master's
42.4 level social worker in another jurisdiction;

42.5 (2) holds a master's degree from an accredited college or university;

42.6 (3) has submitted a completed, signed application form that the board provided. For
42.7 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
42.8 has specified;

42.9 (4) has completed the criminal background check according to section 214.075 and paid
42.10 the required fees;

42.11 (5) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
42.12 practice specified in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#). If the applicant has engaged in conduct
42.13 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
42.14 according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#); and

42.15 (6) has paid all applicable fees specified in section [148E.180](#).

42.16 (b) An individual licensed under this subdivision engaged in clinical social work practice
must comply with the supervised practice requirements in section [148E.110](#).

42.17 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

42.18 Subd. 5. **Qualifications for licensure by examination; as a licensed independent**
42.19 **clinical social worker (LICSW).** (a) To be licensed as a licensed independent clinical
42.20 social worker, an applicant for licensure by examination must provide evidence satisfactory
42.21 to the board that the applicant:

42.22 (1) has received a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the
42.23 Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work,
42.24 or a similar accreditation body ~~designated by the board~~ that the board designates, or a
42.25 doctorate in social work from an accredited university;

42.26 (2) has completed 360 clock hours (one semester credit hour = 15 clock hours) in the
42.27 following clinical knowledge areas:

42.28 (i) 108 clock hours (30 percent) in differential diagnosis and biopsychosocial assessment,
42.29 including normative development and psychopathology across the life span;

43.1 (ii) 36 clock hours (ten percent) in assessment-based clinical treatment planning with
43.2 measurable goals;

43.3 (iii) 108 clock hours (30 percent) in clinical intervention methods informed by research
43.4 and current standards of practice;

43.5 (iv) 18 clock hours (five percent) in evaluation methodologies;

43.6 (v) 72 clock hours (20 percent) in social work values and ethics, including cultural
43.7 context, diversity, and social policy; and

43.8 (vi) 18 clock hours (five percent) in culturally specific clinical assessment and
43.9 intervention;

43.10 (3) has practiced clinical social work as defined in section [148E.010](#), including both
43.11 diagnosis and treatment, and has met the supervised practice requirements specified in
43.12 sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#);

43.13 (4) has passed the clinical or equivalent examination administered by the Association
43.14 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body ~~designated by the board~~ that the board
43.15 designates. ~~Unless an applicant applies for licensure by endorsement according to subdivision~~
43.16 ~~7, An examination is not valid if it was taken~~ the applicant took and passed the examination
43.17 eight or more years prior to submitting a completed, signed an application form provided
43.18 by the board for licensure under this section;

43.19 (5) has submitted a completed, signed application form that the board has provided by
43.20 the board, including the applicable application fee specified in section [148E.180](#). For
43.21 electronic applications submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing an
43.22 attestation as specified by the board that the board has specified;

43.23 (6) has ~~submitted~~ completed the criminal background check ~~fee and a form provided by~~
43.24 ~~the board authorizing a criminal background check according to subdivision 8 according~~
43.25 ~~to section 214.075 and paid the required fees~~;

43.26 (7) has paid ~~the all applicable~~ license fees specified in section [148E.180](#); and

43.27 (8) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
43.28 practice specified in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#). If the applicant has engaged in conduct
43.29 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
43.30 according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).

43.31 (b) The requirement in paragraph (a), clause (2), may be satisfied through:

43.32 (1) a graduate degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the
43.33 Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body ~~designated~~
44.1 ~~by the board~~ that the board designates; or a doctorate in social work from an accredited
44.2 university. An academic institution must certify clinical clock hours in the clinical knowledge
44.3 areas on a form that the board has provided to meet this requirement;

44.4 (2) graduate coursework from an accredited institution of higher learning. An academic
44.5 institution must certify clinical clock hours in the clinical knowledge areas on a form that
44.6 the board has provided to meet this requirement; or

44.7 (3) up to ~~90~~ 120 continuing education hours, ~~not to exceed 20 hours of independent~~
44.8 ~~study which the applicant may complete via continuing education independent learning as~~
44.9 ~~specified~~ defined in section ~~[148E.130, subdivision 5](#)~~ [148E.010, subdivision 7d](#). The
44.10 continuing education must have a course description available for public review and must
44.11 include a posttest. Compliance with this requirement must be documented on a form provided
44.12 by the board. ~~The board may conduct audits of the information submitted in order to~~
44.13 ~~determine compliance with the requirements of this section.~~ The applicant must include
44.14 documents verifying completion of clinical clock hours in the clinical knowledge areas to
44.15 meet this requirement as specified in section [148E.130, subdivision 11](#).

44.16 (e) An application which is not completed and signed, or which is not accompanied by
44.17 the correct fee, must be returned to the applicant, along with any fee submitted, and is void.

44.18 (d) ~~By submitting an application for licensure, an applicant authorizes the board to~~
44.19 ~~investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may request~~
44.20 ~~that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation.~~

44.21 (e) ~~Within one year of the time the board receives an application for licensure, the~~
44.22 ~~applicant must meet all the requirements specified in paragraph (a) and must provide all of~~
44.23 ~~the information requested by the board according to paragraph (d). If within one year the~~
44.24 ~~applicant does not meet all the requirements, or does not provide all of the information~~
44.25 ~~requested, the applicant is considered ineligible and the application for licensure must be~~
44.26 ~~closed.~~

44.27 (f) Except as provided in paragraph (g), an applicant may not take more than three times
44.28 the clinical or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work
44.29 Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board. An applicant must receive
44.30 a passing score on the clinical or equivalent examination administered by the Association
44.31 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board no later than
44.32 18 months after the first time the applicant failed the examination.

45.1 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), the board may allow an applicant to take, for a fourth
45.2 or subsequent time, the clinical or equivalent examination administered by the Association
45.3 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board if the applicant:

45.4 (1) meets all requirements specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) other than passing the clinical
45.5 or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards or a
45.6 similar examination body designated by the board;

45.7 (2) provides to the board a description of the efforts the applicant has made to improve
45.8 the applicant's score and demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the efforts are likely
45.9 to improve the score; and

45.10 (3) provides to the board letters of recommendation from two licensed social workers
45.11 attesting to the applicant's ability to practice social work competently and ethically according
45.12 to professional social work knowledge, skills, and values.

45.13 (h) An individual must not practice social work until the individual passes the examination
45.14 and receives a social work license under this section or section 148E.060. If the board has
45.15 reason to believe that an applicant may be practicing social work without a license, and the
45.16 applicant has failed the clinical or equivalent examination administered by the Association
45.17 of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board, the board
45.18 may notify the applicant's employer that the applicant is not licensed as a social worker.

45.19 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
45.20 to read:

45.21 **Subd. 5a. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement as a licensed independent**
45.22 **clinical social worker (LICSW).** To be licensed as a licensed independent clinical social
45.23 worker, an applicant for licensure by endorsement must provide evidence satisfactory to
45.24 the board that the applicant:

45.25 (1) holds an active license or credential as an independent clinical level social worker
45.26 in another jurisdiction;

45.27 (2) holds a master's degree from an accredited college or university;

45.28 (3) has submitted a completed, signed application form that the board has provided. For
45.29 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
45.30 has specified;

45.31 (4) has completed the criminal background check according to section 214.075 and paid
46.1 the required fees;

46.2 (5) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
46.3 practice specified in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct
46.4 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
46.5 according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270; and

46.6 (6) has paid all applicable fees specified in section 148E.180.

46.7 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

46.8 Subd. 6. **Degrees from outside United States or Canada.** If an applicant receives a
46.9 degree from a program outside the United States or Canada that is not accredited by the
46.10 Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work,
46.11 or a similar examination body designated by the board, the degree does not fulfill the
46.12 requirements specified in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1); 3, paragraph (a), clause
46.13 (1); 4, paragraph (a), clause (1); or 5, paragraph (a), clause (1), unless the Council on Social
46.14 Work Education or a similar accreditation body designated by the board has determined
46.15 through the council's international equivalency determination service that the degree earned
46.16 is equivalent to the degree required.

46.17 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
46.18 to read:

46.19 **Subd. 8a. Void application.** An application that is not completed and signed, or that is
46.20 not accompanied by the correct fee, is void and the board must return it to the applicant,
46.21 along with any fee submitted.

46.22 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
46.23 to read:

46.24 **Subd. 8b. Investigation.** By applying for licensure, an applicant authorizes the board
46.25 to investigate and request additional information to verify completion of all license
46.26 qualifications.

46.27 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
46.28 to read:

46.29 **Subd. 8c. Application time limit.** (a) Within one year of the date that the board receives
46.30 an application for licensure under this section, the applicant must meet all the requirements

47.1 for licensure and provide all of the information that the board has requested, or the application
47.2 must be closed.

47.3 (b) If an applicant graduated from a program in candidacy status with the Council on
47.4 Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar
47.5 accrediting body that the board designates, the applicant must meet all of the requirements
47.6 for licensure and provide all of the information requested within one year of the date that
47.7 the board receives an application for licensure under this section or within 30 days of the
47.8 date the program is approved or denied accreditation, whichever is later, or the application
must be closed.

47.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

47.10 Subd. 9. **Effective date.** ~~The An initial license is effective date of an initial license is~~
47.11 on the day on which that the board receives the applicable license fee from an applicant
47.12 approved for licensure.

47.13 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

47.14 Subd. 10. **Expiration date.** ~~The expiration date of an initial license is~~ An initial license
47.15 expires on the last day of the licensee's birth month in the second calendar year following
47.16 the effective date of the initial license.

47.17 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.055, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

47.18 Subd. 11. **Change in license.** (a) A licensee who changes from a licensed social worker
47.19 to a licensed graduate social worker, or from a licensed graduate social worker to a licensed
47.20 independent social worker, or from a licensed graduate social worker or licensed independent
47.21 social worker to a licensed independent clinical social worker, must pay the prorated share
47.22 of the fee for the new license.

47.23 (b) ~~The effective date of the~~ new license is effective on the day ~~on which that~~ the board
47.24 receives the applicable license fee from an applicant approved for the new license.

47.25 (c) ~~The expiration date of the~~ new license is expires on the same expiration date as ~~the~~
47.26 ~~expiration date of the license previously held by the licensee prior to the change in the~~
47.27 license.

47.28 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.060, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

47.29 Subdivision 1. **Students and other or persons not currently licensed in another**
48.1 **jurisdiction.** (a) ~~The board may issue~~ To be issued a temporary license to practice social
48.2 work to, an applicant who is a student as defined in section 148E.010 or a person not licensed
48.3 or credentialed to practice social work in any jurisdiction but has must provide evidence
48.4 satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

48.5 (1) ~~applied~~ has submitted a current application for a license under section [148E.055](#);

48.6 (2) ~~applied for a temporary license on a form provided by the board;~~

48.7 (3) ~~submitted a form provided by the board authorizing the board to complete a criminal~~
48.8 ~~background check;~~

48.9 (2) has submitted the required fees and documentation for the criminal background check
48.10 according to section 214.075;

48.11 (4) (3) has passed the applicable licensure examination provided for required in section
48.12 [148E.055](#);

48.13 (4) has completed all requirements for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work
48.14 from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian
48.15 Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accrediting body that the board
48.16 designates, or a doctorate in social work from an accredited university, including all
48.17 coursework and internships required to obtain the degree;

48.18 (5) ~~attested on a form provided by the board that the applicant has completed the~~
48.19 ~~requirements for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work from a program accredited~~
48.20 ~~by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social~~
48.21 ~~Work, or a similar accrediting body designated by the board, or a doctorate in social work~~
48.22 ~~from an accredited university; and~~

48.23 (5) has submitted a completed, signed temporary license application form that the board
48.24 has provided. For electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an
48.25 attestation that the board has specified;

48.26 (6) has paid the fee specified in section 148E.180; and

48.27 (6) (7) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
48.28 practice specified in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#). If the applicant has engaged in conduct
48.29 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
48.30 according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).

48.31 (b) A temporary license is effective on the day that the board receives the application
48.32 and fee or on the date that all requirements are complete as specified in this subdivision,
48.33 whichever date is later.

49.1 (b) (c) A temporary license issued under this subdivision expires after on the last day
49.2 of the month six months from the effective date or when a license is issued under section
49.3 148E.055, whichever date is earlier. A temporary license is nonrenewable.

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49.8 (d) In all professional use of the social worker's name, an individual with a baccalaureate
49.9 or graduate temporary license must represent themselves as a temporary license baccalaureate
49.10 social worker or temporary license graduate social worker. An individual with a baccalaureate
49.11 or graduate temporary license must not use the credentials LSW, LGSW, LISW, or LICSW
49.12 until the individual is issued a license under section 148E.055.

49.13 (e) An individual issued a baccalaureate temporary license under this subdivision is
49.14 authorized to practice social work as described in section 148E.050, subdivision 2. An
49.15 individual issued a graduate temporary license under this subdivision is authorized to practice
49.16 social work as described in section 148E.050, subdivision 3.

49.17 (f) An individual issued a temporary license under this subdivision must obtain
49.18 supervision in compliance with sections 148E.100 to 148E.125. Supervised practice obtained
49.19 with a temporary license applies to the supervised practice requirements for a license issued
49.20 under section 148E.055.

49.21 (g) An individual issued a temporary license under this subdivision may complete
49.22 continuing education in compliance with the requirements of section 148E.130. Continuing
49.23 education obtained with a temporary license may be applied to the continuing education
49.24 requirements of a license issued under section 148E.055.

49.25 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.060, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

49.26 Subd. 2. ~~Emergency situations and Persons currently licensed in another~~
49.27 **jurisdiction.** (a) ~~The board may issue~~ To be issued a temporary license to practice social
49.28 work ~~to~~, an applicant who is licensed or credentialed to practice social work in another
49.29 jurisdiction, ~~may or may not have applied for a license under section 148E.055, and has~~
49.30 must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

49.31 (1) ~~applied for a temporary license on a form provided by the board~~ holds an active
49.32 license or credential to practice social work in another jurisdiction;

49.33 (2) ~~submitted a form provided by the board authorizing the board to complete a criminal~~
50.1 ~~background check~~ has completed the criminal background check according to section
50.2 214.075 and submitted the required fees;

50.3 (3) ~~submitted evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is currently licensed~~
50.4 ~~or credentialed to practice social work in another jurisdiction~~ has submitted a completed,
50.5 signed temporary license application form that the board has provided. For electronic
50.6 applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board has
50.7 specified;

50.8 (4) ~~attested on a form provided by the board that the applicant has completed the~~
50.9 ~~requirements for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work from a program accredited~~
50.10 ~~by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social~~
50.11 ~~Work, or a similar accrediting body designated by the board, or a doctorate in social work~~
50.12 ~~from an accredited university~~ has paid the fee specified in section 148E.180; and

50.13 (5) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of
50.14 practice specified in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct
50.15 that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action
50.16 according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270.

50.17 (b) ~~A temporary license issued under this subdivision expires after six months~~ is effective
50.18 on the day that the board receives the application and fee or on the date that all requirements
50.19 are complete as specified in this subdivision, whichever date is later.

50.20 (c) ~~A temporary license issued under this subdivision expires on the last day of the month~~
50.21 ~~six months from the effective date or when a license is issued under section 148E.055,~~
50.22 whichever date is earlier. A temporary license in nonrenewable.

50.23 (d) ~~The board may not issue a temporary license to an individual more than one time in~~
50.24 a 12-month period under this subdivision.

50.25 (e) In all professional use of the social worker's name, an individual with a baccalaureate
50.26 or graduate temporary license must represent themselves as a Temporary License
50.27 Baccalaureate Social Worker or Temporary License Graduate Social Worker. An individual
50.28 with a baccalaureate or graduate temporary license must not use the credentials LSW,
50.29 LGSW, LISW, or LICSW until the individual is issued a license under section 148E.055.

50.30 (f) An individual issued a baccalaureate temporary license under this subdivision is
50.31 authorized to practice social work as described in section 148E.050, subdivision 2. An
51.1 individual issued a graduate temporary license under this subdivision is authorized to practice
51.2 social work as described in section 148E.050, subdivision 3, 4, or 5, consistent with the
51.3 individual's license or credential in the other jurisdiction.

51.4 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.060, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

51.5 Subd. 2a. **Applicants graduating from programs in candidacy status.** (a) ~~The board~~
51.6 ~~may issue~~ To be issued a temporary license to practice social work ~~to~~, an applicant who ~~has~~
51.7 ~~completed the requirements for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work from~~ is
51.8 a student as defined in section 148E.010 or a graduate from a program in candidacy status
51.9 with the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social
51.10 Work, or a similar accrediting body designated by the board, and has that the board
51.11 designates, must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

51.12 (1) ~~applied~~ has a current application for a license under section 148E.055;

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51.14 (2) ~~applied for a temporary license on a form provided by the board~~ has submitted the
51.15 required fees and documentation for the criminal background check according to section
51.16 214.075;
51.17 (3) ~~submitted a form provided by the board authorizing the board to complete a criminal~~
51.18 ~~background check;~~
51.19 (4) ~~(3) has passed the applicable licensure examination provided for required in section~~
51.20 148E.055; and
51.21 (4) has completed all requirements for a baccalaureate, graduate, or doctoral degree in
51.22 social work from a program in candidacy status with the Council on Social Work Education,
51.23 the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accrediting body that the
51.24 board designates, including all coursework and internships required to obtain the degree;
51.25 (5) has submitted a completed, signed temporary license application form that the board
51.26 has provided. For electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an
51.27 attestation that the board has specified;
51.28 (6) has paid the fee specified in section 148E.180; and
51.29 (5) ~~(7) has not engaged in conduct that is in violation of the standards of practice specified~~
51.30 in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct that is in violation
51.31 of the standards of practice, the board may take action according to sections 148E.255 to
51.32 148E.270.
51.33 (b) A temporary license is effective on the day that the board receives the application
52.1 and fee or on the date that all requirements are complete as specified in this subdivision,
52.2 whichever date is later.
52.3 (c) A temporary license issued under this subdivision expires on the last day of the month
52.4 12 months from the license's effective date or when a license is issued under section
52.5 148E.055, whichever date is earlier. A temporary license is nonrenewable.
52.6 (b) ~~(d) A temporary license issued under this subdivision expires after 12 months but~~
52.7 may be extended at the board's discretion upon a showing that the social work program
52.8 remains in good standing candidacy status with the Council on Social Work Education, the
52.9 Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accrediting body designated
52.10 by the board that the board designates.
52.11 (e) In all professional use of the social worker's name, an individual with a baccalaureate
52.12 or graduate temporary license must represent themselves as a Temporary License
52.13 Baccalaureate Social Worker or Temporary License Graduate Social Worker. An individual
52.14 with a baccalaureate or graduate temporary license must not use the credentials LSW,
52.15 LGSW, LISW, or LICSW until the individual has a license under section 148E.055.
52.16 (f) An individual who has a baccalaureate temporary license under this subdivision is
52.17 authorized to practice social work as described in section 148E.050, subdivision 2. An
52.18 individual who has a graduate temporary license under this subdivision is authorized to
52.19 practice social work as described in section 148E.050, subdivision 3.
52.20 (g) An individual issued a temporary license under this subdivision must obtain
52.21 supervision in compliance with sections 148E.100 to 148E.125. Supervised practice obtained
52.22 with a temporary license applies to the supervised practice requirements for a license issued
52.23 under section 148E.055.
52.24 (h) An individual who has a temporary license under this subdivision may complete
52.25 continuing education in compliance with the requirements of section 148E.130. An individual
52.26 who earns continuing education hours with a temporary license may apply those continuing
52.27 education hours to the continuing education requirements of a license under section 148E.055.
52.28 (i) ~~If the board receives notice from the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian~~
52.29 ~~Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accrediting body designated by the~~
52.30 ~~board that the social work program is not in good standing, or that the accreditation will~~
52.31 ~~not be granted to the social work program that the board designates does not grant~~
52.32 ~~accreditation to the program in candidacy status, the board must immediately revoke the~~
52.33 ~~temporary license is immediately revoked.~~

53.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.070, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

53.2 Subd. 2. **Mailing License renewal notices.** The board must ~~mail~~ send a notice for license
53.3 renewal to a licensee at least 45 days before the expiration date of the license. ~~Mailing the~~
53.4 ~~notice by United States mail~~ The board may send the renewal notice to the licensee's last
53.5 known mailing address ~~constitutes valid mailing or electronically.~~ Failure to receive the
53.6 renewal notice does not relieve a licensee of the obligation to renew a license and to pay
53.7 the renewal fee.

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53.9 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.070, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

53.10 Subd. 3. **Submitting license renewal applications.** (a) In order to renew a license, a
53.11 licensee must submit:

53.12 (1) a completed, signed application for license renewal; and

53.13 (2) the applicable renewal fee specified in section 148E.180.

53.14 The board must receive the completed, signed application and renewal fee ~~must be received~~
53.15 ~~by the board~~ prior to midnight of on the day of the license expiration date. For electronic
53.16 renewals submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing an attestation as
53.17 that the board has specified by the board.
53.18

53.19 (b) An application ~~which is that the applicant has not completed and signed, or which~~
53.20 ~~that is not accompanied by the correct fee, must be returned to the applicant, along with~~
53.21 ~~any fee submitted, and is void. The board must return the incomplete application and any~~
53.22 ~~fee to the applicant.~~

53.23 (c) The completed, signed application must include documentation that the licensee has
53.24 met the continuing education requirements specified in sections [148E.130](#) to ~~[148E.170](#)~~
53.25 [148E.145](#) and, if applicable, the supervised practice requirements specified in sections
53.26 [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

53.26 (d) By submitting a renewal application, an applicant authorizes the board to:
53.27 (1) investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may
53.28 request that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation;
53.29 (2) conduct an audit to determine if the applicant has met the continuing education
53.30 requirements specified in sections [148E.130](#) to ~~[148E.170](#)~~ [148E.145](#); and
54.1 (3) if applicable, conduct an audit to determine whether the applicant has met the
54.2 supervision requirements specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

54.3 (e) ~~If a licensee's application for license renewal meets the requirements specified in~~
54.4 ~~paragraph (a), the licensee may continue to practice after the license expiration date until~~
54.5 ~~the board approves or denies the application.~~

54.6 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.070, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

54.7 Subd. 5. **Expired license.** (a) ~~If an application does not meet the requirements specified~~
54.8 ~~in subdivisions 3 and 4, the license automatically expires. A licensee whose license has~~
54.9 ~~expired may reactivate restore a license to active status by meeting the requirements in~~
54.10 ~~section [148E.080](#) or may be relicensed by meeting the requirements specified in section~~
54.11 ~~[148E.055](#).~~

54.12 (b) The board may take action according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#) based on a
54.13 licensee's conduct before the expiration of the license.

54.14 (c) An expired license may be reactivated within one year of the expiration date specified
54.15 in section [148E.080](#). After one year of the expiration date, an individual may apply for a
54.16 new license according to section [148E.055](#).

54.17 Sec. 37. **[148E.0751] TEMPORARY LEAVE LICENSE STATUS.**

54.18 Subdivision 1. **Temporary leave.** (a) At the time of license renewal, a licensee may
54.19 apply for temporary leave license status by:

54.20 (1) submitting a completed, signed application on a form that the board has provided.
54.21 For electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the
54.22 board has specified;

54.23 (2) paying the fee specified in section [148E.180](#); and
54.24 (3) demonstrating to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is not engaged in the
54.25 practice of social work as defined in section [148E.010](#), subdivisions 6 and 11, in any setting,
54.26 including settings in which social workers are exempt from licensure according to section
54.27 [148E.065](#).

54.28 (b) By submitting an application for temporary leave license status, an applicant
54.29 authorizes the board to:

54.30 (1) investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may
54.31 request that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation;

55.1 (2) determine if the applicant has met the continuing education requirements specified
55.2 in sections [148E.130](#) to [148E.145](#); and

55.3 (3) determine whether the applicant has met the supervision requirements specified in
55.4 sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

55.5 (c) An application that the applicant has not completed and signed, or that is not
55.6 accompanied by the correct fee, is void. The board must return the application to the
55.7 applicant, along with any fee.

55.8 Subd. 2. **Four-year time limit.** (a) A temporary leave license status may not exceed
55.9 four consecutive years. If a licensee fails to restore the license to active status according to
55.10 section [148E.080](#), the license automatically expires at the end of the four-year term.

55.11 (b) The board must send a notice to a licensee at least 45 days before the expiration date
55.12 of the temporary leave license status. The board may send the renewal notice to the licensee's
55.13 last known mailing address or electronically.

55.14 Subd. 3. **Return to active license status.** A licensee with temporary leave license status
55.15 may restore their license to active license status according to section [148E.080](#), including
55.16 documenting required continuing education hours.

55.17 Subd. 4. **Prohibition on practice and representation.** A licensee who has temporary
55.18 leave license status: (1) must not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise
55.19 or hold out as being authorized to practice social work; and (2) must include "temporary
55.20 leave" in any use of the license credential LSW, LGSW, LISW, or LICSW.

55.21 Subd. 5. **Disciplinary or other action.** The board may resolve any pending complaints
55.22 against a licensee before approving an application for temporary leave license status specified
55.23 in this section. The board may take action according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.290](#)
55.24 against a licensee who has temporary leave license status specified in this section based on
55.25 conduct occurring before the temporary leave license status or conduct occurring while the
55.26 license is in temporary leave license status.

55.27 Sec. 38. **[148E.0752] EMERITUS INACTIVE LICENSE STATUS.**

55.28 Subdivision 1. **Emeritus inactive license.** (a) At the time of license renewal, a licensee
55.29 may apply for emeritus inactive license status by:

55.30 (1) submitting a completed, signed application on a form that the board has provided.
55.31 For electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that board
55.32 has specified;

56.1 (2) paying the fee specified in section 148E.180; and
56.2 (3) demonstrating to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is retired from social
56.3 work practice as defined in section 148E.010, subdivisions 6 and 11, and will not engage
56.4 in the practice of social work in any setting, including settings in which social workers are
56.5 exempt from licensure according to section 148E.065.

56.6 (b) By submitting an application for emeritus inactive license status, an applicant
56.7 authorizes the board to:

56.8 (1) investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may
56.9 request that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation;

56.10 (2) determine if the applicant has met the continuing education requirements specified
56.11 in sections 148E.130 to 148E.145; and

56.12 (3) determine whether the applicant has met the supervision requirements specified in
56.13 sections 148E.100 to 148E.125.

56.14 (c) An application that the applicant has not completed and signed, or that is not
56.15 accompanied by the correct fee, is void. The board must return the application to the
56.16 applicant, along with any fee.

56.17 Subd. 2. **Return to active license status.** (a) A licensee with emeritus inactive license
56.18 status may restore their license status to active license status during the first four years of
56.19 the emeritus inactive status according to section 148E.080, including documenting required
56.20 continuing education hours.

56.21 (b) A licensee in emeritus inactive status is not eligible to restore their license to active
56.22 status after four years. The licensee may reapply for a license according to section 148E.055.

56.23 Subd. 3. **Prohibition on practice and representation.** A licensee who has emeritus
56.24 inactive license status: (1) must not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise
56.25 or hold out as being authorized to practice social work; and (2) must include "emeritus
56.26 inactive" in any use of the license credential LSW, LGSW, LISW, or LICSW.

56.27 Subd. 4. **Disciplinary or other action.** The board may resolve any pending complaints
56.28 against a licensee before approving an application for emeritus inactive license status
56.29 specified in this section. The board may take action according to sections 148E.255 to
56.30 148E.290 against a licensee who has emeritus inactive license status specified in this section
56.31 based on conduct occurring before the emeritus inactive license status or conduct occurring
56.32 while the license is in emeritus inactive status.

57.1
57.2 Sec. 39. **[148E.0753] EMERITUS ACTIVE LICENSE STATUS.**

57.3 Subdivision 1. **Emeritus active license.** (a) At the time of license renewal, a licensee
57.4 may apply for emeritus active license status by:

57.5 (1) submitting a completed, signed application on a form that the board has provided.
57.6 For electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the
57.7 board has specified;

57.8 (2) paying the fee specified in section 148E.180; and
57.9 (3) demonstrating to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is retired from social
57.10 work practice as defined in section 148E.010, subdivisions 6 and 11, other than the limited
57.11 practice allowed in subdivision 2.

57.12 (b) By submitting an application for emeritus active license status, an applicant authorizes
57.13 the board to:

57.14 (1) investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may
57.15 request that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation;

57.16 (2) determine if the applicant has met the continuing education requirements specified
57.17 in sections 148E.130 to 148E.145; and

57.18 (3) determine whether the applicant has met the supervision requirements specified in
57.19 sections 148E.100 to 148E.125.

57.20 (c) An application that the applicant has not completed and signed, or that is not
57.21 accompanied by the correct fee, is void. The board must return the application to the
57.22 applicant, along with any fee.

57.23 Subd. 2. **Limitation on practice and representation.** (a) A licensee who has emeritus
57.24 active license status is only authorized to engage in:

57.25 (1) pro bono or unpaid social work practice as specified in section 148E.010, subdivisions
57.26 6 and 11; or

57.27 (2) paid social work practice not to exceed 500 clock hours per calendar year for the
57.28 exclusive purpose of:

57.29 (i) providing licensing supervision as specified in sections 148E.100 to 148E.125;

57.30 (ii) providing consultation to licensees as specified in section 148E.200, subdivision 2;

57.31 or

58.1 (iii) presenting continuing education activities as specified in section 148E.130,
58.2 subdivision 9.

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58.4 (b) In all professional use of the social worker's name, a licensee must include "emeritus
58.5 active" in all use of their LSW, LGSW, LISW, or LICSW license credential.

58.6 Subd. 3. **Renewal.** (a) An applicant who has emeritus active license status may renew
58.7 their license according to the requirements specified in section 148E.070 and must pay
58.8 one-half of the renewal fee specified in section 148E.180, subdivision 3.

58.9 (b) Failure to renew an emeritus active license status will result in an expired license as
58.10 specified in section 148E.070.

58.11 (c) At the time of license renewal, a licensee must provide evidence satisfactory to the
58.12 board that the licensee has, during the renewal term, completed one-half of the clock hours
58.13 of continuing education as specified in section 148E.130, including at least two clock hours
58.14 in social work ethics.

58.15 Subd. 4. **Return to active license status.** An applicant may restore a license in emeritus
58.16 active status to active license status according to section 148E.080.

58.17 Subd. 5. **Disciplinary or other action.** The board may resolve any pending complaints
58.18 against a licensee before approving an application for emeritus active license status specified
58.19 in this section. The board may take action according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.290
58.20 against a licensee who has emeritus active license status specified in this section based on
58.21 conduct occurring before the emeritus active license status or conduct occurring while the
58.22 license is in emeritus active license status.

58.23 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.080, is amended to read:

58.24 **148E.080 REACTIVATIONS.**

58.25 ~~Subdivision 1. **Mailing notices to licensees on temporary leave.** The board must mail~~
58.26 ~~a notice for reactivation to a licensee on temporary leave at least 45 days before the expiration~~
58.27 ~~date of the license according to section 148E.075, subdivision 1. Mailing the notice by~~
58.28 ~~United States mail to the licensee's last known mailing address constitutes valid mailing.~~
58.29 ~~Failure to receive the reactivation notice does not relieve a licensee of the obligation to~~
58.30 ~~comply with the provisions of this section to reactivate a license.~~

58.31 Subd. 1a. **Reactivation from temporary leave license status.** To restore a license from
58.32 temporary leave license status to active status, a licensee must do the following within the
59.1 time period specified in section 148E.0751, subdivision 2:

59.2 (1) submit a completed, signed application on a form that the board has provided. For
59.3 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
59.4 has specified. An application that the applicant has not completed and signed is void. The
59.5 board must return the application and any fee to the applicant;

59.6 (2) document compliance with the continuing education requirements specified in
59.7 subdivision 4; and

59.8 (3) pay the reactivation fee specified in section 148E.180.

59.9 Subd. 2. **Reactivation from a temporary leave or emeritus inactive license status.** To
59.10 reactivate restore a license from a temporary leave or emeritus inactive license status to
59.11 active status, a licensee must do the following within the time period specified in section
59.12 148E.075, subdivisions 1, 1a, and 1b 148E.0752, subdivision 2:

59.13 (1) ~~complete an application form specified by the board~~ submit a completed, signed
59.14 application on a form that the board has provided. For electronic applications, a "signed
59.15 application" means providing an attestation that the board has specified. An application that
59.16 the applicant has not completed and signed is void. The board must return the application
59.17 and any fee to the applicant;

59.18 (2) document compliance with the continuing education requirements specified in
59.19 subdivision 4; and

59.20 (3) submit a supervision plan, if required;

59.21 (4) ~~(3) pay the reactivation of a license fee specified in section 148E.180; and~~

59.22 (5) ~~pay the wall certificate fee according to section 148E.095, subdivision 1, paragraph~~
59.23 ~~(b) or (c), if the licensee needs a duplicate license.~~

59.24 Subd. 3. **Reactivation of an expired license.** To reactivate restore an expired license
59.25 to active status, a licensee must do the following within one year of the expiration date:

59.26 (1) ~~complete an application form specified by the board~~ submit a completed, signed
59.27 application on a form that the board has provided. For electronic applications, a "signed
59.28 application" means providing an attestation that the board has specified. An application that
59.29 the applicant has not completed and signed is void. The board must return the application
59.30 and any fee to the applicant;

59.31 (2) document compliance with the continuing education requirements that were in effect
59.32 at the time that the license expired; and

60.1 (3) ~~document compliance with the supervision requirements, if applicable, that were in~~
60.2 ~~effect at the time the license expired; and~~

60.3 (4) ~~(3) pay the reactivation of an expired license fee specified in section 148E.180.~~

60.4 Subd. 4. **Continuing education requirements.** (a) At the time of reactivation, a licensee
60.5 who is on temporary leave license status or who has an is on emeritus inactive license status
60.6 must document compliance with the following continuing education requirements:

60.7 (1) ~~obtain the at least two continuing education hours that would be required if the licensee~~
60.8 ~~was active. At the time of reactivation, the licensee must document compliance with the~~
60.9 ~~continuing education requirements specified in sections 148E.130 to 148E.170, in social~~
60.10 ~~work ethics; and~~

60.11 (2) complete the board's jurisprudence exam.

60.12 (b) A licensee applying for reactivation according to ~~subdivision 2 or 3~~ this section may
60.13 apply for a ~~variance~~ an extension to the continuing education requirements according to
60.14 ~~sections~~ section 148E.130 to 148E.170, subdivision 10.

60.15 Subd. 5. **Reactivation of a voluntarily terminated license.** To ~~reactivate~~ restore a
60.16 voluntarily terminated license to active status, a licensee must do the following within one
60.17 year of the date that the voluntary termination takes effect:

60.18 (1) ~~complete an application form specified by the board~~ submit a completed, signed
60.19 application on a form that the board has provided. For electronic applications, a "signed
60.20 application" means providing an attestation that the board has specified. An application that
60.21 the applicant has not completed and signed is void. The board must return the application
60.22 and any fee to the applicant;

60.23 (2) document compliance with the continuing education requirements that were in effect
60.24 at the time that the license was voluntarily terminated; and

60.25 (3) ~~document compliance with the supervision requirements, if applicable, that were in~~
60.26 ~~effect at the time the license was voluntarily terminated; and~~

60.27 (4) (3) pay the reactivation of an expired or voluntarily terminated license fee specified
60.28 in section 148E.180.

60.29 Subd. 6. **Reactivation from emeritus active status.** To restore a license from emeritus
60.30 active license status to active status, a licensee must do the following while the license
60.31 remains in emeritus active license status:

61.1 (1) submit a completed, signed application on a form that the board has provided. For
61.2 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
61.3 has specified. An application that is not completed and signed is void. The board must return
61.4 the application and any fee to the applicant; and

61.5 (2) pay the reactivation fee specified in section 148E.180.

61.6 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.085, is amended to read:

61.7 **148E.085 VOLUNTARY TERMINATIONS TERMINATION LICENSE STATUS.**

61.8 Subdivision 1. **Requests for Voluntary termination.** (a) A licensee may ~~request~~ apply
61.9 for voluntary termination of a license if the licensee ~~demonstrates~~:

61.10 (1) submits a completed, signed application on a form that the board has provided. For
61.11 electronic applications, a "signed application" means providing an attestation that the board
61.12 has specified. An application that the applicant has not completed and signed is void. The
61.13 board must return the application to the applicant. No fee is required to voluntarily terminate
61.14 a license; and

61.15 (2) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is not engaged in the
61.16 practice of social work as defined in section 148E.010, subdivisions 6 and 11, in any setting
61.17 except settings in which social workers are when the individual is exempt from licensure
61.18 according to section 148E.065.

61.19 (b) A licensee may apply for voluntary termination:

61.20 (1) at any time by submitting an application; or

61.21 (2) ~~as an alternative to applying for the renewal of a license by so recording on the~~
61.22 ~~application for license renewal and submitting the completed, signed application to the~~
61.23 ~~board.~~

61.24 ~~For applications submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing an~~
61.25 ~~attestation as specified by the board. An application that is not completed and signed must~~
61.26 ~~be returned to the applicant and is void.~~

61.27 (e) ~~The board may resolve any pending complaints against a licensee before approving~~
61.28 ~~a request for voluntary termination.~~

61.29 (b) By submitting an application for voluntary termination, an applicant authorizes the
61.30 board to:

61.31 (1) investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may
61.32 request that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation;

62.1 (2) determine if the applicant has met the continuing education requirements specified
62.2 in section 148E.130; and

62.3 (3) determine whether the applicant has met the supervision requirements specified in
62.4 sections 148E.100 to 148E.125.

62.5 Subd. 2. ~~Application for new licensure~~ **Return to active license status.** A licensee
62.6 who has voluntarily terminated a license: (1) ~~may not reactivate~~ restore the license ~~after~~
62.7 ~~one year following the date the voluntary termination takes effect. However, a licensee who~~
62.8 ~~has voluntarily terminated a license according to section 148E.080; or~~ (2) may apply reapply
62.9 for a new license according to section 148E.055.

62.10 Subd. 3. **Prohibition on practice and representation.** A licensee who has voluntarily
62.11 terminated a license: (1) must not use the credentials LSW, LGSW, LISW, or LICSW; and
62.12 (2) must not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold out as
62.13 authorized to practice social work, except when the individual is exempt from licensure
62.14 according to section 148E.065.

62.15 Subd. 4. **Disciplinary or other action.** The board may resolve any pending complaints
62.16 against a licensee before approving a request for voluntary termination. The board may take
62.17 action according to sections 148E.255 to 148E.270 148E.290 against a licensee whose who

62.18 voluntarily terminated their license ~~has been terminated~~ based on conduct occurring before
62.20 the license is voluntarily terminated or for practicing social work without a license.

62.21
62.22 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.095, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

62.23 Subdivision 1. **License wall certificate.** (a) The board must issue a new license wall
62.24 certificate when the board issues a new license. No fee in addition to the applicable license
62.25 fee specified in section 148E.180 is required.

62.26 (b) ~~The board must replace a license wall certificate when~~ To request a duplicate license
62.27 wall certificate, the licensee must:

62.28 (1) ~~a licensee submits an affidavit to the board that the original license wall certificate~~
62.29 ~~was lost, stolen, or destroyed~~ submit a request for another license wall certificate in writing;
63.1 and

63.2 (2) ~~the licensee submits~~ submit the license wall certificate fee specified in section
63.3 148E.180.

63.4 (c) ~~The board must issue a revised license wall certificate when:~~

63.5 (1) ~~a licensee requests a revised license wall certificate according to this section; and~~

63.6 (2) ~~a licensee submits the license wall certificate fee specified in section 148E.180.~~

63.7 (d) ~~The board must issue an additional license wall certificate when:~~

63.8 (1) ~~a licensee submits a written request for a new certificate because the licensee practices~~
63.9 ~~in more than one location; and~~

63.10 (2) ~~the licensee submits the license wall certificate fee specified in section 148E.180.~~

63.11 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.130, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

63.12 Subdivision 1. **Total clock hours required.** (a) A licensee must complete 40 hours of
63.13 continuing education for each two-year renewal term. At the time of license renewal, a
63.14 licensee must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has, ~~during the~~
63.15 ~~renewal term, completed at least 40 clock hours of~~ completed the required continuing
63.16 education hours during the previous renewal term. Of the total clock hours required:

63.17 (1) all licensees must complete two hours in social work ethics as defined in section
63.18 148E.010;

63.19 (2) licensed independent clinical social workers must complete 12 clock hours in one
63.20 or more of the clinical content areas specified in section 148E.055, subdivision 5, paragraph
63.21 (a), clause (2);

63.22 (3) licensees providing licensing supervision according to sections 148E.100 to 148E.125,
63.23 must complete six clock hours in supervision as defined in section 148E.010; and

63.24 (4) no more than half of the required clock hours may be completed via continuing
63.25 education independent learning as defined in section 148E.010.

63.26 (b) If the licensee's renewal term is prorated to be less or more than 24 months, the total
63.27 number of required clock hours is prorated proportionately.

63.28 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.130, is amended by adding a subdivision
63.29 to read:

64.1 Subd. 8. **Acceptable content.** The continuing education must:

64.2 (1) promote the standards of practice described in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240; and

64.3 (2) contribute to the practice of social work as defined in section 148E.010.

64.4 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.130, is amended by adding a subdivision
64.5 to read:

64.6 Subd. 9. **Acceptable continuing education activities.** (a) A continuing education activity
64.7 must be one of the following:

64.8 (1) academic coursework at an institution of higher learning. One credit of coursework
64.9 in a semester-based academic institution is the equivalent of 15 clock hours;

64.10 (2) educational workshops, seminars, conferences, or live webinars;

64.11 (3) staff training from an employer; or

64.12 (4) continuing education independent learning as defined in section 148E.010.

64.13 (b) A continuing education activity automatically meets the requirements of this section
64.14 if the licensee completes it through:

64.15 (1) a board-approved continuing education provider;

64.16 (2) a continuing education provider or program approved by the Association of Social
64.17 Work Boards or a similar examination body that the board has designated; or

64.18 (3) a continuing education program approved by the National Association of Social
64.19 Workers.

64.20 (c) The board does not require providers and programs to be preapproved, but the
64.21 continuing education activity must meet the requirements specified in this section.

64.22 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.130, is amended by adding a subdivision
64.23 to read:

64.24 Subd. 10. **Extension.** At the time of renewal, the board may grant a onetime extension
64.25 to complete the required clock hours when a licensee is unable to comply with this section.

64.26 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.130, is amended by adding a subdivision
64.27 to read:

64.20 Subd. 11. **Records retention; licensees.** For one year following the expiration date of
65.1 a license, the licensee must maintain documentation of clock hours earned during the previous
65.2 renewal term. The documentation must include the following:
65.3 (1) for educational workshops, seminars, conferences, or live webinars, documentation
65.4 of attendance issued by the presenter or sponsor must include the:
65.5 (i) name of the sponsor;
65.6 (ii) title and date of the activity;
65.7 (iii) number of clock hours; and
65.8 (iv) names of the presenters;
65.9 (2) for academic coursework at an institution of higher learning, a transcript must include
65.10 the:
65.11 (i) name of the institution;
65.12 (ii) title of the course;
65.13 (iii) dates of the course; and
65.14 (iv) number of credits completed or audited;
65.15 (3) for an employer's staff training, an employer's documentation of attendance must
65.16 include the:
65.17 (i) name of the employer;
65.18 (ii) title of the training;
65.19 (iii) date of the training; and
65.20 (iv) number of clock hours completed; and
65.21 (4) for continuing education independent learning, a written summary of the activity
65.22 conducted must include the:
65.23 (i) topics covered;
65.24 (ii) applicability of the activity to the licensee's social work practice;
65.25 (iii) titles and authors or presenters of materials reviewed;
65.26 (iv) dates the licensee conducted the activity; and
65.27 (v) number of clock hours completed.

65.28 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.130, is amended by adding a subdivision
65.29 to read:

66.1 Subd. 12. **Audits.** (a) The board may audit licensees at the time of license renewal or
66.2 reactivation to determine the licensee's compliance with the requirements of this section.
66.3 (b) When the board audits a licensee, the licensee must provide the documentation
66.4 specified in subdivision 11.

66.5 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.145, is amended to read:

66.6 **148E.145 CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS APPROVED BY BOARD.**

66.7 Subdivision 1. **Board approval.** (a) ~~The board must approve a continuing education~~
66.8 ~~provider who~~ For the board to approve a continuing education provider, the provider must:

66.9 (1) ~~submits~~ submit a completed application to the board which provides the information
66.10 required by subdivision 2 and which meets the criteria specified in subdivision 3; and ~~form~~
66.11 ~~that the board has provided;~~

66.12 (2) ~~agree to comply with the requirements of this section;~~

66.13 (3) submit a signed statement that indicates that the provider agrees to provide
66.14 documentation of attendance that meets the requirements of section 148E.130, subdivision
66.15 11, to each participant in the provider's program; and

66.16 ~~(2) pays~~ (4) pay the continuing education provider fee specified in section 148E.180.

66.17 (b) An approval is valid for ~~programs offered no later than~~ one year from the date ~~that~~
66.18 ~~the board receives the application is approved by the board and fee.~~

66.19 (c) During the one-year period, an approved provider may provide no more than the
66.20 number of clock hours for which the provider has applied as specified in section 148E.180,
66.21 subdivision 4. If the provider wishes to offer additional clock hours during the one-year
66.22 period, the provider must submit another application and fee to the board.

66.23 Subd. 2. **Information required.** The information that must be provided to the board
66.24 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

66.25 (1) the name of the continuing education provider;

66.26 (2) the address, telephone number, and e-mail address of a contact person for the provider;

66.27 (3) a signed statement that indicates the provider understands and agrees to abide by the
66.28 criteria specified in subdivision 3; and

66.29 (4) a signed statement that indicates the provider agrees to furnish a certificate of
66.30 attendance to each participant in a program offered by the provider.

67.1 Subd. 3. **Criteria for programs Continuing education activity requirements.** (a) A
67.2 continuing education provider must employ the following criteria in determining whether
67.3 to offer a continuing education program. An approved provider must ensure that all continuing
67.4 education activities:

67.5 (1) whether the material to be presented will promote the standards of practice described
67.6 in sections 148E.195 to 148E.240;

67.7 (2) whether the material to be presented will contribute to the practice of social work as
67.8 defined in section 148E.010; and

67.9 (3) whether the material to be presented is intended for the benefit of practicing social
67.10 workers; and are presented by individuals with expertise in the material or content.

67.11 (4) whether the persons presenting the program are qualified in the subject matter being
67.12 presented.

67.13 (b) ~~The material presented must not be primarily procedural or primarily oriented towards~~
67.14 ~~business practices or self-development. An approved provider must provide documentation~~
67.15 ~~of completion to each participant that includes the information required by section 148E.130,~~
67.16 ~~subdivision 11.~~

67.17 Subd. 4. ~~**Audits.** (a) The board may audit programs offered by a continuing education~~
67.18 ~~provider approved by the board to determine compliance with the requirements of this~~
67.19 ~~section.~~

67.20 (b) ~~A continuing education provider audited by the board must provide the documentation~~
67.21 ~~specified in subdivision 5.~~

67.22 Subd. 5. ~~**Records retention; continuing education providers.** An approved provider~~
67.23 ~~must maintain the following information for three years following the end of each program~~
67.24 ~~offered by a continuing education provider, the provider must maintain the following~~
~~information activity:~~

- 67.25 (1) ~~the program's title of the program;~~
67.26 (2) ~~a description of the program's content and objectives of the program;~~
67.27 (3) ~~the program's date of the program;~~
67.28 (4) ~~the program's number of clock hours credited for participation in the program;~~
67.29 (5) ~~the program location whether the activity was presented as a live interactive activity~~
~~or continuing education independent learning;~~
68.1 (6) ~~the names and qualifications of the primary program's presenters; and~~
68.2 (7) ~~a description of the primary audience the program was designed for; and~~
~~(8) (7) a list of the participants in the program program's attendees.~~

68.3 Subd. 6. ~~**Audits.** (a) The board may audit an approved provider to determine compliance~~
68.4 ~~with the requirements of this section.~~

68.5 (b) ~~An approved provider audited by the board must provide the documentation specified~~
68.6 ~~in subdivision 5.~~

68.7 Subd. 7. ~~**Revocation.** The board may revoke approval of an approved provider if the~~
68.8 ~~board determines the provider failed to meet the requirements of this section.~~

68.9
68.10 Sec. 50. **REPEALER.**

68.11 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 148E.045; 148E.055, subdivisions 7 and 8; 148E.060,
68.12 subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13; 148E.075, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, 2, 3, and
68.13 8; 148E.095, subdivision 2; 148E.130, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; 148E.135; 148E.140;
68.14 148E.150; 148E.155; 148E.160; 148E.165; and 148E.170, are repealed.

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68.16 **ARTICLE 4**
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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68.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 150A.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

68.19 Subd. 6. **Display of name and certificates.** (a) ~~The initial license and subsequent renewal~~
68.20 ~~certificate of every dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant shall must~~
68.21 ~~be conspicuously displayed in plain sight of patients in every office in which that person~~
68.22 ~~practices, in plain sight of patients. When available from the board, the board shall allow~~
68.23 ~~the display of a wallet-sized initial license and wallet-sized subsequent renewal certificate~~
68.24 ~~only at nonprimary practice locations instead of displaying an original-sized initial license~~
68.25 ~~and subsequent renewal certificate. Duplicate renewal certificates may be obtained from~~
~~the board.~~

68.26 (b) ~~Near or on the entrance door to every office where dentistry is practiced, the name~~
68.27 ~~of each dentist practicing there, as inscribed on the current license certificate, shall must be~~
68.28 ~~displayed in plain sight.~~

68.29 (c) ~~The board must allow the display of a mini-license for guest license holders~~
68.30 ~~performing volunteer dental services. There is no fee for the mini-license for guest volunteers.~~

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68.32 **ARTICLE 5**
REEMPLOYING RETIRED MEMBERS OF PERA AND MSRS

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69.3 Section 1. **PERMITTING PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT ANNUITY DURING**
69.4 **PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AS A HEALTH CARE WORKER DURING A**
69.5 **PEACETIME EMERGENCY.**

69.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

69.7 (1) "health care worker" means a person, whether licensed or unlicensed, employed by
69.8 a public employer during a peacetime emergency to provide health care, health-care-related
69.9 services, or long-term care;

69.10 (2) "peacetime emergency" means any peacetime emergency declared by the governor
69.11 in an executive order that relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19;

69.12 (3) "public employer" means any political subdivision or executive branch agency of
69.13 the state, including any county, municipality, and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.; and

69.14 (4) "reemployment year" means the 12-month period that a person is covered by a phased
69.15 retirement agreement under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.371, or in a postretirement
69.16 option position under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.346.

69.17 Subd. 2. **Health care workers to continue receiving retirement annuities.** (a)
69.18 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is entitled to continue to receive a
69.19 retirement annuity if the person:
69.20 (1) is receiving a retirement annuity and has not been employed in public service for at
69.21 least 30 days or has been retired for at least 30 days and is about to begin receiving a
69.22 retirement annuity from any of the pension plans administered by the Public Employees
69.23 Retirement Association or from any of the pension plans administered by the Minnesota
69.24 State Retirement System; and
69.25 (2) is hired or rehired by a public employer as a health care worker on or after the effective
69.26 date of a declaration of a peacetime emergency.
69.27 (b) A person described in paragraph (a) is not subject to the provisions of Minnesota
69.28 Statutes, section 352.115, subdivision 10, or 353.37, and the monthly amount of the person's
69.29 retirement annuity shall not change as a result of employment during a peacetime emergency,
69.30 notwithstanding the additional hours and percentage of time worked by the person.
69.31 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a public employer may hire or rehire a
69.32 person under this subdivision without either the public employer or the person having to
69.33 enter into or comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.346 or
69.34 353.371.
70.1 Subd. 3. **No limitation on hours or percentage of time worked under a postretirement**
70.2 **option.** (a) A health care worker who entered into a phased retirement agreement under
70.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 353.371, before the effective date of this section, or has been
70.4 employed in a postretirement option position under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.346,
70.5 since before the effective date of this section, shall not be subject to any limitation on the
70.6 number of hours or percentage of time worked imposed by Minnesota Statutes, section
70.7 43A.346 or 353.371, as applicable, during any reemployment year that includes the date on
70.8 which this section expires.
70.9 (b) Upon the expiration of a peacetime emergency, the health care worker shall continue
70.10 to be covered by the phased retirement agreement or continue employment in the
70.11 postretirement option position, as applicable, if the health care worker elects to continue
70.12 employment, except that the limitation on the number of hours or percentage of time worked
70.13 shall not apply until the reemployment year that begins after the reemployment year that
70.14 includes the date on which this section expires.
70.15 (c) The period of employment during a peacetime emergency shall be added to and shall
extend the period of employment governed by the phased retirement agreement under
Minnesota Statutes, section 353.371, subdivision 4, or in a postretirement option position
under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.346, subdivision 6, as applicable.
(d) The requirements of Minnesota Statutes, sections 43A.346 and 353.371, prohibiting
the crediting of additional service toward the health care worker's annuity and prohibiting
the making of employee or employer contributions during employment covered by a phased
retirement agreement or in a postretirement option position, as applicable, shall apply during
a peacetime emergency. The monthly amount of the health care worker's retirement annuity
shall not change as a result of employment during a peacetime emergency, notwithstanding
any increase in the hours and percentage of time worked by the health care worker.
(e) Nothing in this section shall be considered as terminating (1) a phased retirement
agreement under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.371, or (2) the employment of a health
care worker in a postretirement option position under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.346.
Subd. 4. **Expiration date.** This section expires on December 31 of the year in which
the peacetime emergency expires or is terminated or rescinded by proper authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

APPENDIX

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: S2939-1

148.6402 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 10. **Direct supervision.** "Direct supervision" of an occupational therapy assistant using physical agent modalities means that the occupational therapist has evaluated the patient and determined a need for use of a particular physical agent modality in the occupational therapy treatment plan, has determined the appropriate physical agent modality application procedure, and is available for in-person intervention while treatment is provided.

Subd. 15. **Occupational therapy.** "Occupational therapy" means the use of purposeful activity to maximize the independence and the maintenance of health of an individual who is limited by a physical injury or illness, a cognitive impairment, a psychosocial dysfunction, a mental illness, a developmental or learning disability, or an adverse environmental condition. The practice encompasses evaluation, assessment, treatment, and consultation. Occupational therapy services may be provided individually, in groups, or through social systems. Occupational therapy includes those services described in section [148.6404](#).

148.6412 LICENSURE BY EQUIVALENCY.

Subdivision 1. **Persons certified by National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy before June 17, 1996.** Persons certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as an occupational therapist before June 17, 1996, may apply for licensure by equivalency for occupational therapist. Persons certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as an occupational therapy assistant before June 17, 1996, may apply for licensure by equivalency for occupational therapy assistant.

148E.045 CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

An applicant or a licensee who is the subject of a disciplinary or adversarial action by the board according to this chapter may request a contested case hearing under sections [14.57](#) to [14.62](#). An applicant or a licensee who desires to request a contested case hearing must submit a written request to the board within 90 days after the date on which the board mailed the notification of the adverse action, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

148E.055 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.

Subd. 7. **Licensure by endorsement.** (a) An applicant for licensure by endorsement must hold a current license or credential to practice social work in another jurisdiction.

(b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement who meets the qualifications of paragraph (a) and who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant passed the examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board for the applicable license in Minnesota is not required to retake the licensing examination.

(c) An application for licensure by endorsement must meet the applicable license requirements specified in subdivisions 1 to 6, except as provided in paragraph (d), and submit the licensure by endorsement application fee specified in section [148E.180](#).

(d) The following requirements apply:

(1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement who is applying for licensure as a licensed social worker must meet the requirements specified in subdivision 2.

(2) An applicant for licensure by endorsement who is applying for licensure as a licensed graduate social worker must meet the requirements specified in subdivision 3.

(3) An applicant for licensure by endorsement who is applying for licensure as a licensed independent social worker is not required to demonstrate that the applicant has obtained 100 hours of supervision as specified in section [148E.110, subdivision 1](#), provided that the applicant has engaged in authorized social work practice for a minimum of 4,000 hours in another jurisdiction.

(4) An applicant for licensure by endorsement as a licensed independent clinical social worker (i) is not required to meet the license requirements specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (2), and (ii) is not required to demonstrate that the applicant has obtained 200 hours of supervision as specified in section [148E.115, subdivision 1](#), provided that the applicant has engaged in authorized clinical social work practice for a minimum of 4,000 hours in another jurisdiction.

Subd. 8. **Criminal background checks.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), an initial license application must be accompanied by:

(1) a form provided by the board authorizing the board to complete a criminal background check; and

(2) the criminal background check fee specified by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Criminal background check fees collected by the board must be used to reimburse the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the criminal background checks.

(b) An applicant who has previously submitted a license application authorizing the board to complete a criminal background check is exempt from the requirement specified in paragraph (a).

(c) If a criminal background check indicates that an applicant has engaged in criminal behavior, the board may take action according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).

148E.060 TEMPORARY LICENSES.

Subd. 3. **Teachers.** (a) The board may issue a temporary license to practice social work to an applicant whose permanent residence is outside the United States, who is teaching social work at an academic institution in Minnesota for a period not to exceed 12 months, who may or may not have applied for a license under section [148E.055](#), and who has:

(1) applied for a temporary license on a form provided by the board;

(2) submitted a form provided by the board authorizing the board to complete a criminal background check;

(3) attested on a form provided by the board that the applicant has completed the requirements for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work; and

(4) has not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice specified in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#). If the applicant has engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#).

(b) A temporary license issued under this subdivision expires after 12 months.

Subd. 4. **Temporary license application fee.** An applicant for a temporary license must pay the application fee specified in section [148E.180](#) plus the required fee for the cost of the criminal background check. Only one fee for the cost of the criminal background check must be submitted when the applicant is applying for both a temporary license and a license under section [148E.055](#).

Subd. 5. **Temporary license term.** A temporary license is valid until expiration, or until the board issues or denies the license according to section [148E.055](#), or until the board revokes the temporary license, whichever comes first. A temporary license is nonrenewable.

Subd. 6. **Licensee with temporary license; baccalaureate degree.** A licensee with a temporary license who has provided evidence to the board that the licensee has completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body designated by the board may temporarily engage in social work practice except that a licensee with a temporary license may not engage in clinical social work practice.

Subd. 7. **Licensee with temporary license; graduate degree.** A licensee with a temporary license who has provided evidence to the board that the licensee has completed the requirements for a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body designated by the board may temporarily engage in social work practice, including clinical practice.

Subd. 8. **Supervision requirements.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), an applicant who is not currently licensed or credentialed to practice social work in another jurisdiction and who obtains a temporary license may practice social work only under the supervision of an individual licensed as a social worker who is eligible to provide supervision under sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#). Before the applicant is approved

for licensure, the applicant's supervisor must attest to the board's satisfaction that the applicant has practiced social work under supervision. This supervision applies toward the supervision required after licensure.

(b) If an applicant is currently licensed or credentialed to practice social work in another jurisdiction, and receives a temporary license according to subdivision 3, the requirements specified in paragraph (a) do not apply. However, if an applicant with a temporary license chooses to practice social work under supervision, the supervision applies to the requirements specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

Subd. 9. **Prohibition on practice.** An applicant for a temporary license must not practice social work in Minnesota, except as provided in section [148E.065](#), until the applicant has been granted a temporary license.

Subd. 10. **Representation of professional status.** In making representations of professional status to the public, a licensee with a temporary license must state that the licensee has a temporary license.

Subd. 11. **Standards of practice.** A licensee with a temporary license must conduct all professional activities as a social worker according to the requirements of sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#).

Subd. 13. **Revocation of temporary license.** The board may immediately revoke the temporary license of any licensee who violates any requirements of this section. The revocation must be made for cause, without notice or opportunity to be heard. A licensee whose temporary license is revoked must immediately return the temporary license to the board.

148E.075 ALTERNATE LICENSES.

Subdivision 1. **Temporary leave license.** (a) A licensee qualifies for temporary leave from active practice if the licensee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is not engaged in the practice of social work in any setting, including settings in which social workers are exempt from licensure according to section [148E.065](#). A licensee who is granted temporary leave from active practice may reactivate the license according to section [148E.080](#).

(b) A licensee may maintain a temporary leave license for no more than four consecutive years.

(c) A licensee who is granted temporary leave from active practice may reactivate the license according to section [148E.080](#). If a licensee does not apply for reactivation within 60 days following the end of the consecutive four-year period, the license automatically expires. An individual with an expired license may apply for new licensure according to section [148E.055](#).

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e), a licensee who holds a temporary leave license must not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold out as authorized to practice social work.

(e) The board may grant a variance to the requirements of paragraph (d) if a licensee on temporary leave license provides emergency social work services. A variance is granted only if the board provides the variance in writing to the licensee. The board may impose conditions or restrictions on the variance.

(f) In making representations of professional status to the public, when holding a temporary leave license, a licensee must state that the license is not active and that the licensee cannot practice social work.

Subd. 1a. **Emeritus inactive license.** (a) A licensee qualifies for an emeritus inactive license if the licensee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is:

(1) retired from social work practice; and

(2) not engaged in the practice of social work in any setting, including settings in which social workers are exempt from licensure according to section [148E.065](#).

(b) A licensee with an emeritus inactive license may apply for reactivation according to section [148E.080](#) only during the four years following the granting of the emeritus inactive license. However, after four years following the granting of the emeritus inactive license, an individual may apply for new licensure according to section [148E.055](#).

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), a licensee who holds an emeritus inactive license must not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold out as authorized to practice social work.

(d) The board may grant a variance to the requirements of paragraph (c) if a licensee on emeritus inactive license provides emergency social work services. A variance is granted only if the board provides the variance in writing to the licensee. The board may impose conditions or restrictions on the variance.

(e) In making representations of professional status to the public, when holding an emeritus inactive license, a licensee must state that the license is not active and that the licensee cannot practice social work.

Subd. 1b. **Emeritus active license.** (a) A licensee qualifies for an emeritus active license if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is:

(1) retired from social work practice; and

(2) in compliance with the supervised practice requirements, as applicable, under sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

(b) A licensee who is issued an emeritus active license is only authorized to engage in:

(1) pro bono or unpaid social work practice as specified in section [148E.010](#), subdivisions 6 and 11; or

(2) paid social work practice not to exceed 240 clock hours per calendar year, for the exclusive purpose to provide licensing supervision as specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#); and

(3) the authorized scope of practice specified in section [148E.050](#).

(c) An emeritus active license must be renewed according to the requirements specified in section [148E.070](#), subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

(d) At the time of license renewal a licensee must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has, during the renewal term, completed 20 clock hours of continuing education, including at least two clock hours in ethics, as specified in section [148E.130](#):

(1) for licensed independent clinical social workers, at least 12 clock hours must be in the clinical content areas specified in section [148E.055](#), subdivision 5; and

(2) for social workers providing supervision according to sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#), at least three clock hours must be in the practice of supervision.

(e) Independent study hours must not consist of more than eight clock hours of continuing education per renewal term.

(f) Failure to renew an active emeritus license on the expiration date will result in an expired license as specified in section [148E.070](#), subdivision 5.

(g) The board may grant a variance to the requirements of paragraph (b) if a licensee holding an emeritus active license provides emergency social work services. A variance is granted only if the board provides the variance in writing to the licensee. The board may impose conditions or restrictions on the variance.

(h) In making representations of professional status to the public, when holding an emeritus active license, a licensee must state that an emeritus active license authorizes only pro bono or unpaid social work practice, or paid social work practice not to exceed 240 clock hours per calendar year, for the exclusive purpose to provide licensing supervision as specified in sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#).

(i) Notwithstanding the time limit and emeritus active license renewal requirements specified in this section, a licensee who possesses an emeritus active license may reactivate the license according to section [148E.080](#) or apply for new licensure according to section [148E.055](#).

Subd. 2. **Application.** A licensee may apply for temporary leave license, emeritus inactive license, or emeritus active license:

(1) at any time when currently licensed under section [148E.055](#), [148E.0555](#), [148E.0556](#), or [148E.0557](#), or when licensed as specified in this section, by submitting an application form required by the board; or

(2) as an alternative to applying for the renewal of a license by so recording on the application form required by the board and submitting the completed, signed application to the board.

An application that is not completed or signed, or that is not accompanied by the correct fee, must be returned to the applicant, along with any fee submitted, and is void. For applications submitted electronically, a "signed application" means providing an attestation as specified by the board.

Subd. 3. **Fee.** (a) Regardless of when the application for temporary leave license or emeritus inactive license is submitted, the temporary leave license or emeritus inactive license fee specified in section [148E.180](#), whichever is applicable, must accompany the application. A licensee who is approved for temporary leave license or emeritus inactive license before the license expiration date is not entitled to receive a refund for any portion of the license or renewal fee.

(b) If an application for temporary leave or emeritus active license is received after the license expiration date, the licensee must pay a renewal late fee as specified in section [148E.180](#) in addition to the temporary leave fee.

(c) Regardless of when the application for emeritus active license is submitted, the emeritus active license fee is one-half of the renewal fee for the applicable license specified in section [148E.180](#), [subdivision 3](#), and must accompany the application. A licensee who is approved for emeritus active license before the license expiration date is not entitled to receive a refund for any portion of the license or renewal fee.

Subd. 8. **Disciplinary or other action.** The board may resolve any pending complaints against a licensee before approving an application for an alternate license specified in this section. The board may take action according to sections [148E.255](#) to [148E.270](#) against a licensee who is issued an alternate license specified in this section based on conduct occurring before the license is inactive or conduct occurring while the license is effective.

148E.095 LICENSE CERTIFICATE OR CARD.

Subd. 2. **License card.** (a) The board must issue a new license card when the board issues a new license. No fee in addition to the applicable license fee specified in section [148E.180](#) is required.

(b) The board must replace a license card when a licensee submits:

(1) an affidavit to the board that the original license card was lost, stolen, or destroyed; and

(2) the license card fee specified in section [148E.180](#).

(c) The board must issue a revised license card when the licensee submits a written request for a new license wall certificate because of a new professional or legal name according to section [148E.090](#), [subdivision 2](#) or 3. No fee in addition to the one specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), is required.

148E.130 CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED.

Subd. 2. **Ethics requirement.** At least two of the clock hours required under subdivision 1 must be in social work ethics, including at least one of the following:

(1) the history and evolution of values and ethics in social work;

(2) ethics theories;

(3) professional standards of social work practice, as specified in the ethical codes of the National Association of Social Workers, the Association of Canadian Social Workers, the Clinical Social Work Federation, and the Council on Social Work Education;

(4) the legal requirements and other considerations for each jurisdiction that registers, certifies, or licenses social workers; or

(5) the ethical decision-making process.

Subd. 3. **Requirement for LICSW's.** For licensed independent clinical social workers, at least 24 of the clock hours required under subdivision 1 must be in the clinical content areas specified in section [148E.055](#), [subdivision 5](#).

Subd. 4. **Requirement for supervisors.** For social workers providing supervision according to sections [148E.100](#) to [148E.125](#), at least six of the clock hours required under subdivision 1 must be in the practice of supervision.

Subd. 5. **Independent study.** Independent study must not consist of more than 15 clock hours of continuing education per renewal term. Independent study must be for publication, public presentation, or professional development. Independent study includes, but is not limited to, electronic study. For purposes of subdivision 4, independent study includes consultation or training regarding supervision with a licensed professional who has demonstrated supervisory skills.

Subd. 6. **Coursework.** One credit of coursework in a semester-based academic institution is the equivalent of 15 clock hours.

Subd. 7. **Prorated renewal term.** If the licensee's renewal term is prorated to be less or more than 24 months, the required number of continuing education clock hours is prorated proportionately.

148E.135 APPROVAL OF CLOCK HOURS.

Subdivision 1. **Ways of approving clock hours.** The clock hours required under section [148E.130](#) must be approved in one or more of the following ways:

(1) the hours must be offered by a continuing education provider approved by the board;

(2) the hours must be offered by a continuing education provider approved by the Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board;

(3) the hours must be earned through a continuing education program approved by the National Association of Social Workers; or

(4) the hours must be earned through a continuing education program approved by the board.

Subd. 2. **Preapproval not required.** Providers and programs are not required to be preapproved but must meet the requirements specified in this section.

148E.140 VARIANCES.

The board may grant a variance to the continuing education requirements specified in section [148E.130](#), when a licensee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the licensee is unable to complete the required number of clock hours during the renewal term. The board may allow a licensee to complete the required number of clock hours within a time frame specified by the board. The board must not allow a licensee to complete less than the required number of clock hours.

148E.150 APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS.

In order to receive credit for a program offered by a continuing education provider approved by the Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board, the provider must be listed on the Association of Social Work Boards Web site as a provider currently approved by the Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body designated by the board.

148E.155 APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

In order to receive credit for a program approved by the National Association of Social Workers, the program must be listed on the National Association of Social Workers Web site as a program currently approved by the National Association of Social Workers.

148E.160 CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS APPROVED BY BOARD.

Subdivision 1. **Required program content.** In order to be approved by the board, a continuing education program must:

- (1) promote the standards of practice described in sections [148E.195](#) to [148E.240](#);
- (2) contribute to the practice of social work as defined in section [148E.010](#); and
- (3) not be primarily procedural or be primarily oriented towards business practices or self-development.

Subd. 2. **Types of continuing education programs.** In order to be approved by the board, a continuing education program must be one of the following: academic coursework offered by an institution of higher learning; educational workshops, seminars, or conferences offered by an organization or individual; staff training offered by a public or private employer; or independent study.

148E.165 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF LICENSEES.

Subdivision 1. **Records retention; licensees.** For one year following the expiration date of a license, the licensee must maintain documentation of clock hours earned during the previous renewal term. The documentation must include the following:

- (1) for educational workshops or seminars offered by an organization or at a conference, a copy of the certificate of attendance issued by the presenter or sponsor giving the following information:
 - (i) the name of the sponsor or presenter of the program;
 - (ii) the title of the workshop or seminar;
 - (iii) the dates the licensee participated in the program; and
 - (iv) the number of clock hours completed;
- (2) for academic coursework offered by an institution of higher learning, a copy of a transcript giving the following information:
 - (i) the name of the institution offering the course;
 - (ii) the title of the course;
 - (iii) the dates the licensee participated in the course; and
 - (iv) the number of credits completed;
- (3) for staff training offered by public or private employers, a copy of the certificate of attendance issued by the employer giving the following information:
 - (i) the name of the employer;
 - (ii) the title of the staff training;
 - (iii) the dates the licensee participated in the program; and
 - (iv) the number of clock hours completed; and
- (4) for independent study, including electronic study, or consultation or training regarding supervision, a written summary of the activity conducted, including the following information:
 - (i) the topics covered;
 - (ii) a description of the applicability of the activity to the licensee's authorized scope of practice;
 - (iii) the titles and authors of books and articles consulted or the name of the organization offering the activity, or the name and title of the licensed professional consulted regarding supervision;
 - (iv) the dates the licensee conducted the activity; and
 - (v) the number of clock hours the licensee conducted the activity.

Subd. 2. **Audits.** The board may audit license renewal and reactivation applications to determine compliance with the requirements of sections [148E.130](#) to [148E.170](#). A licensee audited by the board must provide the documentation specified in subdivision 1 regardless of whether the provider or program has been approved by the board, the Association of Social Work Boards, or a similar examination body designated by the board, or the National Association of Social Workers.

148E.170 REVOCATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVALS.

The board may revoke approval of a provider or a program offered by a provider, or an individual program approved by the board, if the board determines subsequent to the approval that the provider or program failed to meet the requirements of sections [148E.130](#) to [148E.170](#).

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4664.0003 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 28. **Occupational therapy.** "Occupational therapy" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section [148.6402](#), subdivision 15.

